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House Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) and at least eight other members of the leadership have appointed former senator Maria "Frica" Pangelinan to become the new Legislative Bureau director, a post that Glenna SP. Reyes said she is still holding.

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Pohnpei turns to CNMI lawmakers for casino plan

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Three senators and one legislative staffer from Pohnpei turned to members of the CNMI House of Representatives led by Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) yesterday for guidance and infor-

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AS SAIPAN JOINS GUAM'S SILENT WITNESS CEREMONY

Limtiaco vows commitment in fight vs domestic violence

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Limtiaco

U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the NMI Alicia A.G. Limtiaco yesterday said her office is committed in working collaboratively with the community in combating domestic violence.

In her opening remarks during the Silent Witness Ceremony at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Guam, Limtiaco also underscored the importance of having collaborative efforts in conducting awareness that there is hope and help in the fight against domestic violence.

The Silent Witness Ceremony in Guam was simultaneously conducted on Saipan through video teleconference at the U.S. Attorney's Office's conference

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'HONEST ABE' IN THE HOUSE

James Sayre, a noted scholar and performer affiliated with Kentucky Chautauqua, brings to life U.S. President Abraham Lincoln during a performance titled "I, too, am a Kentuckian," before hundreds of Saipan Southern High School students in the campus cafeteria yesterday afternoon. Chautauqua is a form of living history in which scholars portray significant historical figures. Sayre used Lincoln's own words to recount stories from his life. His CNMI tour this week is made possible by a "We the People" grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Pacific island leaders, experts discuss renewable energy options

»Over 60 guests grace opening of three-day symposium

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Government leaders in the Pacific Islands and energy experts from the U.S. mainland graced the opening of the energy symposium at Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday where over 60 participants registered on the event's first day.

The Pacific Island Energy Symposium is a three-day event organized by the Northern Marianas College and the U.S. Department of Energy Office of the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

Philip Voss, senior project leader for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, said the event's primary goal is to educate island people and develop a holistic approach for the island nations to address their energy challenges.

One ultimate goal is to reduce the importation of fossil fuel among islands and states and provide them a range of renewable energy alternatives such as solar and wind turbines, he added.

Yesterday's discussions focused on case studies as well as presentations such as how Cuba survived its oil crisis; the integrated deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy in U.S. Virgin Islands; the Hawaiian clean energy initiative; and the utility scale renewable energy on Kodiak Island in Alaska.

On the second day, energy experts will talk about specific renewable energy opportunities for the islands while strategic planning and implementation will cap the event on Thursday.

Ian Baring-Gould, a senior engineer for NREL, likened Saipan's energy challenges to that of Hawaii's which factors included high cost of power and assessing the right technology for the island.

Baring-Gould, who talked about the business case for clean energy in his presentation, said their coming to the island was sparked by the "great interest" of Saipan for renewable energy.

Among yesterday's participants in the symposium included Pohnpei Lt. Gov. Churchhill Edward who is

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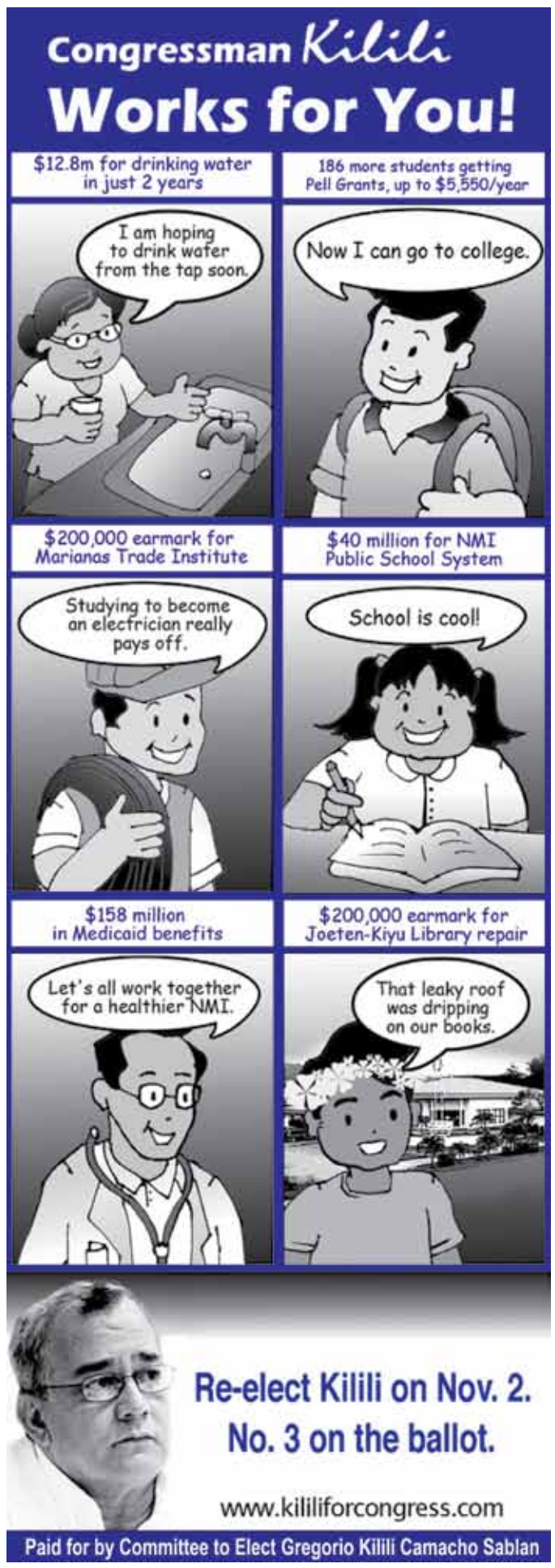
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Former chief justice says CNMI gov't will become bankrupt

CLARISSA V. DAVID
Retired chief justice Jose S. Dela Cruz talks about his views on the economic plight of the CNMI during the Saipan Rotary Club general membership meeting yesterday at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni's Restaurant.

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Retired chief justice Jose S. Dela Cruz warned that the CNMI government will become bankrupt if the economic recession experienced on the islands doesn't end soon.

"It appears to be already bankrupt. We have seen the CNMI government's revenue collection dip by almost 50 percent from what it was about 10 years ago," said Dela Cruz.

Dela Cruz was among the guest speakers during the Saipan Rotary Club's regular membership meeting yesterday at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni's restaurant.

He emphasized the need for a healthy economy for the CNMI to succeed in its experiment in self-government.

"Sufficient revenue must be generated locally for the CNMI government to be able to provide essential public services," he added.

Dela Cruz urged government leaders to wake up from its slumber and come up with realistic solutions to the islands' economic woes.

"Unless our leaders do this, the Commonwealth may soon find itself in a lifeboat," he said.

According to Dela Cruz, it would be very "embarrassing" and "sad" if the CNMI fails in its self-governance merely 30 years after the islands became a U.S. commonwealth.

"If self-government fails, we really have no one to blame but ourselves," he emphasized.

Dela Cruz said government leaders need to formulate and adopt a realistic "vision for the future" of the Commonwealth.

He noted that government leaders have "zigzagged along" without meaningful or realistic plans that present a steady and long-term economic plan for the CNMI.

"I truly believe that our leaders have to sit down and draft a written vision setting forth the Commonwealth's basic goals and objectives regarding the local economy and the need for good governance… We sorely need one," he said.

Dela Cruz is the author of the book entitled *From Colonialism to Self-Government: The Northern Marianas Experience*.

The retired chief justice said the book discusses local customs and culture as well as the islands' history as a colony of several foreign nations, as a ward of the United Nations after World War II, and as a self-governing commonwealth within the American political family since 1978.

He told Rotarians that he wrote the book about the Northern Marianas to preserve the recollections he has of the islands and to offer perspective on the history of the CNMI and the events that unfolded since the islands became a U.S. commonwealth.

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counting on the knowledge he would gain from the event.

"We have the same challenges as the other islands and states … so it's important for me to engage in this kind of event to solve these challenges. We're starting to look at renewable energy and we're now finding the best suitable technology for our island," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Saipan Sens. Ralph Torres and Juan Ayuyu, for their part, assured participants of their support for renewable energy for the Commonwealth.

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MPLT return on investment at 9% in 2009

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The Marianas Public Land Trust's overall return on investment was at 9 percent in Fiscal Year 2009, an improvement from the previous year's devastating loss of -6.2 percent resulting from an unprecedented crash of the U.S. economy, MPLT said in its 2009 annual report presented to the Legislature this month.

MPLT receives and invests revenues derived from public lands for the benefit of people of Northern Marianas descent.

Phillip Mendiola-Long, chair of the MPLT Board of Trustees, said MPLT's total return in 2009 was 9.9 percent or 2.8 percent more than the expected rate of return of 7.1 percent.

"But the markets are still volatile and many uncertainties still exist, namely the high unemployment in the U.S. The performance in 2010 will not be as good due to the shaky U.S. economy, which may be a prelude to another downturn," Mendiola-Long said in the report.

While the 2009 recovery enabled MPLT to recover $3.580 million of its net assets, $4.503 million was lost in 2008.

In addition, a claim was made to MPLT to "recover" interest earned on the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. loan that was withheld in accordance with Public Law 10-29.

This interest amounted to $4.1 million and was subsequently distributed to the general fund in December 2009.

This has resulted in an overall reduction to the net assets by $519,646.

MPLT distributed $2.013 million to the general fund in 2009, bringing to over $49.098 million its total distribution since its inception.

Its overall investment base went up by 6 percent to $65.657 million in 2009 compared to $61.978 million in 2008.

MPLT, however, does not anticipate significant change to the investment base in 2010.

Mendiola-Long also said the $3.5 million loan to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. in 2008 has performed well, earning an annual rate of interest of 7 percent, even though this loan may have been seen as controversial at the time.

Due to the appropriation from the Legislature to allow for an offset to MPLT's distribution to the general fund to be withheld for payment on this loan, $1.7 million was applied in 2009, leaving a balance due of $1.8 million.

"This remaining balance will be substantially paid off in 2010 by the same method. Overall, the Trust made $245,000 (in) interest income on this investment while permanently increasing its principal fund by $3.5 million," Mendiola-Long said.

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Tenorio said the House will be sending Pangelinan's appointment letter to the Senate today.

The CNMI Constitution requires that the bureau director be appointed by the joint leadership of the Legislature consisting of the presiding officers, vice presiding officers, floor leaders, and the chairmen of the standing committees.

Pangelinan, along with former House speaker Arnold I. Palacios, was the one who signed Reyes' contract in November 2009 because the Senate president at the time—now Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan)—is the bureau director's husband.

Tenorio asked Reyes on Monday to vacate her office by yesterday, but there is no indication Reyes will leave her post.

Reyes retained a private attorney, Robert T. Torres, with respect to this issue.

In a written statement yesterday, Reyes said, "at last check, we remain a Commonwealth governed by the rule of law, not of men."

"In this instance, the CNMI Constitution prevails in addition to Ms. Reyes' contract rights. Speaker Tenorio's request to vacate is misplaced and is in error. Until resolution of this matter comports with Constitutional and contractual requirements, the Speaker's request fails and is of no moment," Reyes said.

Torres declined to respond when asked whether Reyes will be filing a complaint against the House speaker.

Senate President Paul Manglona (R-Rota), in separate interview yesterday, said he is asking for a legal opinion about the matter.

"I need to be guided by legality. And this has to be a joint decision of the House and Senate leaderships. The speaker made a drastic decision without consulting with us. I do not have an advice for Mrs. Reyes but she's obviously still there because the Senate has not made a decision to let her go," Manglona said.

Tenorio said yesterday that Reyes has to vacate her office by today or he will ask the House sergeant-at-arms to remove Reyes because she would be "trespassing."

"Let me make it clear. I am not firing Mrs. Reyes. The provisions in her contract signed in November 2009 say that her contract is not renewed because there's no budget by Oct. 1," he said.

Tenorio, in his Oct. 18 letter to Reyes, cited a provision in Reyes' contract.

"This contract shall automatically renew on Oct. 1, 2010 without any further action being taken by employer or employee, provided funds are obligated for the position by the passage of a budget or by continuing resolution for the Fiscal Year beginning Oct. 1, 2010, for the period covered by Fiscal Year 2011," it reads.

Attorney General Ed Buckingham said there's "no" budget in effect as of Oct. 1, 2010, when Tenorio sought his opinion about the issue.

The speaker also said the Constitution says Reyes' contract expired when the new Legislature was sworn into office on Jan. 11, 2010.

"We honored her contract all this time even though as a new Legislature, we're entitled to appoint our own LB director… She might even have to return all the money she was paid since January. She's welcome to file a lawsuit. Everything I am doing is pursuant to the Constitution, the legal opinion of the attorney general, and her own contract," Tenorio added.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) is one of two House leadership members who have yet to sign off on the appointment of Pangelinan as new LB director.

"I don't want to sign this appointment letter yet but I told the speaker I will see him (Wednesday). If the Senate decides to go with the speaker's decision, then my signature won't matter. But if this matter is not resolved soon, we might have two LB directors," he said.

Based on the appointment letter, Pangelinan is to receive an annual salary of $60,000.

But the speaker said Pangelinan told him that she does not want to receive a salary that is greater than what Reyes is currently receiving.

Reyes' contract shows that she's paid $58,000 annually.

Tenorio said he will honor Pangelinan's request, although he says Pangelinan deserves to be paid even more than $60,000 a year.

"She's more qualified than Glenna," Tenorio said. Pangelinan used to chair the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee.

Tenorio had also said the so-called "continuing resolution" provisions of Article III, Section 9(a) were repealed by last year's amendment and no longer can be a source of obligation authority.

"Therefore, regardless of our differing opinions regarding the validity of any contract extension beyond Jan. 11, 2010, your contract did not automatically renew on Oct. 1, 2010 because, on that date, no funds were, or could be, obligated for the position," he told Reyes.

LIMTIACO

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room at the Horiguchi Building in Garapan.

Some family members of victims and survivors of family violence, lawyers, law enforcers, domestic violence program members, and other community members attended the ceremony in both jurisdictions.

At the Silent Witness Ceremony, those who were killed as a result of domestic violence were remembered. Prayers were also offered. Silhouettes served as symbols of the victims.

The first Silent Witness Initiative began in 1991 in Minnesota when 500 women formed a silent procession escorting their Silent Witnesses—the silhouettes of 26 women who were killed by an act of domestic violence and a 27th figure to represent those uncounted women whose murders went unsolved or were erroneously ruled accidental.

Limtiaco said the U.S. Department of Justice is committed to the prevention of family violence and ensuring the safety and protection of the victims and the children.

Limtiaco said U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. has expressed that the U.S. Attorney community plays a critical role in raising awareness of and preventing family violence and holding offenders accountable.

"Today, each and every one of us shares in this very sense of urgency to speak out against the escalating family violence in our island communities—to reach out to victims of this violent and far too often lethal crime, and communicate that there is help and hope," she said.

The U.S. Attorney said additional critical steps taken by the DOJ include the "Defending Childhood" initiative, which serves to revitalize prevention and intervention efforts, and response systems for children exposed to violence.

She said the Department of Health and Human Services is also developing and increasing services, and improving community responses for children exposed to violence.

"Children exposed to family violence, whether victims or witnesses, without intervention, are at higher risk for emotional disorders, mental and physical development challenges, suicide, failure in school, substance abuse, and perpetrating violent behavior later in life," Limtiaco said.

She said AG Holder has launched an initiative directed toward children exposed to violence as victims and as witnesses.

In 2001, DOJ launched Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative focused on bringing together federal, state and local agencies and community organizations to reduce gun violence and illegal gun possession.

"Almost half of our Silent Witnesses in Guam, and at least one of six of our Silent Witness in the Commonwealth, were victims of gun violence," Limtiaco said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric O'Malley said the big reason why Saipan joined Guam's ceremony is because Limtiaco is very dedicated to bringing the CNMI on board with her efforts in Guam.

O'Malley said part of Limtiaco's expanded campaign is the public outreach awareness, trying to reach out to potential victims and encourage them to come forward.

Kiki Igitol said it's really nice to see program providers come together especially with the Limtiaco leading the ceremony.

"That was really touching," said Igitol after watching the ceremony on Saipan.

Igitol's sister, Vicky Ann Maratita Igitol, was paralyzed from the neck down, became bedridden, and subsequently passed away after her boyfriend beat her up on May 13, 2004.

Since her sister's death, Kiki Igitol has been very active in the domestic violence program. She is currently working with the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

"We are at war. We send our brothers and sisters, our husbands, and sons out to war, and behind closed doors here there is war going on in the home," she said.

POHNPEI

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mation as Pohnpei courts an investor planning to build a 1,000-room casino and golf resort.

Pohnpei is one of four states that make up the Federated States of Micronesia.

Pohnpei Sen. Robert P. Nakasone, chair of the Judiciary and Governmental Operation Committee and head of the four-member delegation, said they are on Saipan for a fact-finding mission.

The delegation will also be visiting Tinian today Tinian because of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

After hearing from CNMI lawmakers about Rota's emerging casino operation, the Pohnpei delegation may also visit Rota on their way to Guam.

The Pohnpei senators said their Executive Branch signed a memorandum of understanding with a foreign investor for a phased-in construction of a 1,000-room hotel/casino resort with a golf course.

"Our purpose is to see the situation here. We understand there's one (casino) on Tinian, and we will visit Tinian on Wednesday," Nakasone told CNMI House members.

Nakasone said the Pohnpei government has to look into changing laws and policies to allow for casino operation.

Among other things, gambling is not permitted in Pohnpei, he said.

"Without a law, public land can't be designated for casino. There's a potential investor, but how quickly it would be built, we don't know," he added.

Pohnpei Sen. Aurelio P. Joab, vice chair of the Committee on Resources and Development, said they are looking at a minimum investment of $50 million for the casino/resort and golf course.

He said with the completion of the ongoing runway extension by middle of 2011, Pohnpei hopes that more flights will come their way to bring in more tourists.

The visiting senators said Pohnpei's tourism arrival is "very low."

Besides Nakasone and Joab, the two other delegation members are Sen. Marvin Yamaguchi and legislative staffer Luciano Saimon.

Rep. Frederick P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said the best advice he could give the visiting lawmakers is this: "Make sure your (casino) customers are tourists, not local people. That's the income you need."

Deleon Guerrero cited as an example the CNMI's experience with poker establishments which were allowed to operate on the islands for tourists. But poker parlors throughout the CNMI ended up catering to local residents.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) applauded the Pohnpei senators for taking the time to visit the CNMI to learn more about casino operation, its challenges and successes.

He said too many connecting flights to and from Pohnpei may discourage tourists, so air services should be seriously considered.

The Pohnpei senators also asked how the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino is benefiting the CNMI economy.

Tenorio said because the Dynasty was granted a qualifying certificate, it's been exempted from paying business gross revenue taxes and that the CNMI economy only generates revenue from the taxes paid by the employees employed by the casino.

Former House speaker Pedro Deleon Guerrero said Dynasty also provides local employment, and that tax from casino revenue goes to supporting public infrastructure, scholarship, medical referral, and operation of the municipal government.

Tenorio also told the visiting lawmakers that although the CNMI Senate rejected a House bill seeking to legalize casino operations on Saipan, there's still a chance that the House may vote on another casino bill, or for the Senate to reconsider its decision, or for a popular initiative to be presented to voters in the next election.

"In my opinion, the only thing that can save our Commonwealth are casinos. Revenues are just going down every year. Maybe you too in Pohnpei should consider something like this," Tenorio said.

Ogumoro, for her part, said it may be easier to allow casino operations in Pohnpei where the Legislature is unicameral. The CNMI has a bicameral Legislature and each house does not seem to meet eye to eye on a lot of issues, including the budget which resulted in the government's recent partial shutdown.

WASC team on island to validate NMC show-cause report

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A three-member team from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges will arrive on Saipan today and is scheduled to start tomorrow its validation of the show-cause report submitted by the Northern Marianas College last weekend.

Saipan Tribune learned that the accrediting team will visit the campus and meet with he institution's leaders, students, and Board of Regents on Oct. 21 and 22.

The visit comes after NMC's show-cause report was submitted electronically to WASC last Saturday. Actual documents were mailed out last week.

It was learned that NMC—in the about 30- to 40-page report—addressed all the team recommendations and justified why its accreditation should not be revoked by the commission.

NMC, in a statement to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, said that due to the commission's policy on public disclosure, the institution cannot release much information about the report unless it is due.

"Due to ACCJC's Policy on Public Disclosure, NMC must maintain an appropriate level of confidentiality with ACCJC at this juncture in the accreditation process. As such, NMC is unable to comment on inquiries for specific information at this time," the statement indicated.

However, NMC assured the community and its students that it's doing everything to keep its accreditation.

"Nonetheless, the community, and especially the students, should be reassured that the we're doing everything we can to meet accreditation standards and to have the college's show-cause status lifted," said NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera, who reiterated that the college's accreditation continues during the show-cause period.

NMC's Oct. 15, 2010 Show-Cause Report and other information pertaining to the commission's actions will be posted in the college website as soon as it is appropriate to post, according to the statement.

The show-cause status was imposed on NMC because it was not in compliance with eligibility requirements or accreditation standards in three key areas: institutional autonomy from outside interference, institutional financial management and integrity, and institutional governance and accountability.

WASC specifically said that NMC is out of compliance with several eligibility requirements and significant parts of standards.

From January 2007 to June 2009, NMC was placed on probation then show-cause sanction due to a number of deficiencies including not meeting the standards on the chief executive officer (or Eligibility Requirement 4), administrative capacity (or Eligibility Requirement 5), and board training and conduct, which was under the recommendation 2 from 2007 comprehensive evaluation team report.

There were only six total team recommendations when NMC was placed on show-cause in 2008. This year, WASC provided 10 new recommendations to the college.

90-day jail term for man who attacked OVR staff, DUI

The Superior Court imposed a 90-jail term on a man who was arrested last April on charges he threw a rock at a staff of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation on Navy Hill and shattered the glass window and windshields of the victim's vehicle.

Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona sentenced Benjamin Joseph Fitial to one year in prison, all suspended except for the first 90 days, for assault and battery.

Manglona also sentenced Fitial to one year in jail, all suspended except for the first 90 days, for driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The judge said the sentence in the DUI case shall be concurrent to the jail term imposed in the criminal case.

It means that the total jail term for both criminal and traffic cases is 90 days.

Fitial, 34, was ordered to start serving the jail term at the Department of Corrections on Dec. 1, 2010 at 8am.

After completing the jail term, the defendant will be placed on four years of supervised probation.

The judge ordered the defendant to perform 100 hours of community work service in the criminal case.

As to DUI, he was ordered to pay a $1,000 fine, $25 court assessment fee, and $100 annual probation service fee.

The judge required the defendant to complete Alcohol Information Course and pay a $100 fee to Catholic Social Services.

During the probationary period, he is not allowed to possess or consume any alcohol and is prohibited from entering into any bar or other establishment whose primary purpose is the sale or consumption of alcohol.

Fitial and court-appointed counsel, Bruce L. Mailman, signed a plea agreement with assistant attorney general Benjamin K. Petersburg. The defendant pleaded guilty to assault and battery, and driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

This is Fitial's third DUI conviction.

The remaining charges in the criminal case and traffic case were dismissed.

Police said OVS special projects Manuel Ogarto sustained a large bruise in the neck. Fitial and Ogarto are cousins.

On April 14, 2010, a police officer responded to a disturbance at the OVR office at 11:13am.

When the police officer approached Fitial in the parking lot, the suspect admitted damaging Ogarto's car.

The Mitsubishi Montero had extensive damage, with the left window and the rear windshield shattered. The front windshield was also shattered.

Police learned that Fitial arrived at OVR and asked to borrow Ogarto's vehicle. When Ogarto said no, the defendant walked to the vehicle and began vandalizing it.

Police said that morning Fitial went to the victim's house and asked to borrow the car. When Ogarto refused, the defendant picked up a rock and threw it at him. The victim was hit on the back of neck. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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9th Circuit affirms conviction of prostitution operator

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has affirmed the conviction of a manager of a nightclub who was found operating a prostitution business on Saipan.

The Ninth Circuit judges said defendant Wei Qin Sun contended that the evidence at trial was insufficient to sustain a conviction on any of the charged offenses.

The judges said Sun argued that there was no evidence to show that she "persuaded, induced, or coerced" Xiu Lan Lin to travel to Saipan.

This statutory language, however, "merely requires that Sun have convinced or influenced Lin to actually undergo the journey, or made the possibility more appealing."

"The evidence at trial satisfies this test: in particular, Sun's representations about the salaries of waitresses on Saipan were central to Lin's decision to move," the judges said.

According to court records, Sun, a Chinese national, employed prostitutes at her Phoenix Karaoke.

During a trip back to China, Sun told Lin that Sun had "opened a bar on Saipan" and needed waitresses to work there—and that waitresses could earn much more on Saipan that in China.

Lin then paid Sun about $5,200 in order to enter Saipan and work at Phoenix Karaoke.

Upon arriving on Saipan, Lin discovered that Sun expected her to work as a prostitute and refused to do so. Lin eventually contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A federal jury had found Sun guilty of conspiracy to commit foreign transportation for prostitution, and foreign transportation of a person in execution of a fraud scheme; foreign transportation for prostitution; and foreign transportation of person in execution of fraud scheme.

In February 2008, the federal court sentenced Sun to three years and five months in prison. The defendant appealed and asked the Ninth Circuit to reverse her conviction.

Sun argued that there was insufficient evidence to show that she possessed an "intent to defraud" Lin.

The Ninth Circuit judge pointed out that Sun admitted that she did not fully explain the nature of the work to Lin while in China.

"A reasonable jury could therefore conclude that Sun intentionally withheld the nature of her business from Lin until Lin moved to Saipan," the judges said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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The Tinian Chamber of Commerce US Military Contracting Small Business Outreach Forum will be held on October 27th, 2010 and begins at 8AM (registration) 9AM(first speaker) and ends at 4:30PM the same day. Participants can therefore attend the meeting during the day on Tinian and be able to return back to Guam or Saipan the same day if necessary. Registration is $25 with no lunch or $45 with lunch. All funds collected go to the Tinian Chamber of Commerce in order to cover expenses of hosting the event. To register, please visit **www.TinianChamber.com**

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Mother appeals for son's delayed scholarship check

The mother of one of the CNMI's scholars pursuing education abroad appealed yesterday to the government to immediately release the check of his son so he could continue his studies this semester.

Rota resident Lorna M. Manglona, 50, said his only son's registration at school is only until Friday and no check has yet been issued since last month.

Oliver M. Manglona is a fourth year student at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. He is taking up political science and vows to practice the profession on island. Oliver is among the hundreds of honors scholarship recipients of the CNMI Scholarship Program.

The mother revealed that his son's check, which amounts to $7,500 per semester, was supposed to be issued middle of September. However, this has not been received to date.

"I am worried that my son could not make it this semester. I made several follow-ups to the scholarship office but they can't give a concrete answer. I hope they will consider my son's situation," said Mrs. Manglona.

The mother said that his son, due to the government's payroll problems, is worried that funds for his scholarship has been used for another purpose.

A check with the NMI Scholarship Office yesterday revealed that the office is not responsible in the check issuance but the treasury and finance department.

The office clerk explained that request for the scholars' checks are submitted to the finance department in a regular basis. The office also made follow-ups for delayed checks when needed.

The office also admitted that Oliver Manglona is only one of the many off-island scholars who have yet to get their financial assistance. *Saipan Tribune* learned that all on-island scholars have also yet to get their checks.

The administration's press secretary, Angel A. Demapan, said yesterday that he's still waiting for further information from the Department of Finance as to the release dates of the checks.

"[But] Like we discussed earlier, the issuance of checks is largely determined by the availability of funds in specific accounts that have been appropriated by law to fund the scholarship program," Demapan said. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

Suspected 'ice' dealer arrested anew

Authorities arrested again Monday night a suspected illegal drug dealer after he was allegedly found in possession of a small amount of substance believed to be methamphetamine or "ice."

Francisco Demapan was brought to the Superior Court yesterday afternoon for a Gerstein hearing.

Gerstein hearing is conducted when the arrest of a suspect is done without an arrest warrant. The court will determine if there is probable cause to continue to detain the defendant.

A law enforcer spotted Demapan walking late at night in violation of his bail conditions.

The officer then found in Demapan's possession a substance said to be "ice."

Last July, police arrested Demapan after they allegedly found him in possession of 2.10 gross grams of "ice."

Police said they spotted Demapan walking toward Beach Road near Mt. Carmel Church.

Demapan was shaking, prompting the officer to pat him down.

A detective said Demapan is a known illegal drug dealer. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 20, 1999

Teno welcomes interim financing for CIP

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio welcomed yesterday a plan by the Commonwealth Development Authority to borrow up to $30 million from Bank of Guam to finance capital improvement projects in light of his administration's efforts to spur the local economy. He said the loan is part of the island's commitment to tap federal construction grants under the Covenant 702 funding that have been unused for the past few years due to CNMI's inability to meet the matching requirement. "We are trying to find the matching funds (so that) we (can) use the 702 money," Tenorio told reporters in an interview as he noted the federal government's belief that the CNMI is not spending these grants made available since 1996.

German visitors to promote NMI

The sights and sounds of the Northern Marianas will be seen and heard by 26.6 million listeners all over Germany and its neighboring countries in a first ever telecast in Europe by a major radio and television station. Two editors from Cologne, Germany are arriving today from on Saipan for a five-day visit. Adrea Stopp and Daniela Wiesler will cover Saipan for the weekly cultural travel journal "Sonntagsspaziergang-Reisenotizen aus Deutschland und der Welt", a 90-minute national public radio program. The program features in-depth travel stories that describes the culture, history and the people of destinations they cover. In Deutchse Well International Radio and TV, which is broadcast all over the world, a 20-30 minute feature story of the Northern Marianas will include geography, environment and special focus on the centennial anniversary of the German administration in the NMI.

Oct. 20, 2000

Chamber wants further review of tax bill

Saying it cannot support the proposal seeking to simplify the CNMI tax system in its current form, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce has asked the House Ways and Means Committee to further review the bill. However, the Chamber supports the creation of a Tax Task Force composed of representatives from the Treasury, Revenue & Tax, Department of Commerce, tax practitioners, private associations, Chamber, administration as well as the House and the Senate. A budget must be provided for the administrative support required to initiate, maintain and disseminate information developed by the task force, said David Wiseman, co-chair of the Chamber's Government Relations Committee.

CDA intensifies efforts to curb delinquent loans

In light of the continuing instability of the local economy and its anticipated adverse effects on businesses, the Commonwealth Development Authority is mapping out plans to assist borrowers cope with slow business activities. CDA Board Chair John S. Tenorio said the intensified move is aimed at preventing any further increase in the volume of problem loans although he insisted that the government-controlled lending agency continues to have a manageable number of delinquent accounts. According to Mr. Tenorio, CDA corporate division officials have been brainstorming to identify possible ways that would assist borrowers cope with their financial obligation amid hard economic times.

Oct. 20, 2002

Tinian eyes $5 million civic center

Tinian legislative leaders are working out a $5 million loan application for the construction of Tinian's own civic center. Legislators are looking to borrow the money from the Marianas Public Land Trust to be used for the project's design and construction costs. The proposed civic center is seen to rise on a parcel of land overlooking the San Jose Village. Senate Vice President Jose M. Dela Cruz said last week that the idea to build a civic center is centered on setting up a long-term investment, in a step toward doing away with renting office spaces for the government.

Tudela cuts back on public services

Financial constraints forced Saipan Mayor Juan Borja Tudela to cut back on some public services and projects, as he appealed to the local community to bear with the local government's current fiscal situation. From water and coral deliveries, boom-truck, backhoe and island beautification projects to purchasing heavy equipment parts, all services to the public will be drastically reduced, according Tudela. "My office is absolutely down to its last penny. I have to cut most services until more funding is available. I can't stretch the rubber any longer," said Tudela. "We want to respond to each and every request. But with no dump trucks and essential heavy equipment part, how can we?" Tudela is still hopeful that some of the islands' elected officials, such as those in the Executive and Legislative branches, might come up with workable solutions to continue on with his normal day-to-day operations for the good of the community.

Quarterly selection of school principals' reps approved

Public school administrators voted to shorten the term of their representatives to three months from the previous one-year term to give others the opportunity to serve the position.

Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School principal Charlotte Camacho, who served as the elementary principals' representative last school year, said the shorter term was unanimously decided during a meeting of school administrators prior to the start of the 2011 school year.

Named as the first quarter school principals' representative for elementary was Oleai Elementary School principal Glenn Muna, while Hopwood Junior High School principal Jonas Barcinas was selected for the secondary level.

Their term will expire at the end of the quarter and a new set of representatives will be elected anew.

Camacho admitted that due to the extra responsibilities for the position, previous representatives in both elementary and high school often leave their campuses early to attend special meetings and events related to being the principals' reps.

"We made that decision so we can give all our principals the opportunity to serve the position," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

At present, the Public School System has 40 school administrators of which 20 are school principals and 20 are vice principals.

The PSS also lists three directors, which it also classified as administrators, for Head Start, Early Intervention Services, and Special Education programs. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Immigration issues, ARRA grants in John Gonzales Live

Immigration issues and grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will be the topic in John Gonzales Live that airs from 7pm to 8pm Wednesday at KSPN Channel 2.

Guest speakers will be Northern Marianas Descent for Self Government & Indigenous Rights spokesperson and former House speaker Oscar C. Rasa and former Commerce secretary Michael Ada, who is the CNMI state lead for ARRA programs.

Tonight's program will be replayed on Sunday, Oct. 24, and Monday, Oct. 25, from 7pm to 8pm on the same channel.

For more information or for questions and comments on the show, text 285-META (6382) or email johngonzales@pticom.com. ***(PR)***

Application for Energy Star Rebate Program now open

The CNMI Energy Division Office will begin accepting applications for its Energy Star Rebate Program on Oct. 27, 2010.

The program is under the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Energy Star Rebate Program (CNMI-EECBG-ARRA-ESRP) for the replacement of old inefficient appliances with qualified energy-efficient Energy Star products.

Rebate applications will be available to the public at the CNMI Energy Division Office located at House No. 1337, Ascencion Dr., Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 or may be downloaded from its official website at cnmienergy.com

If anyone should have any question or need additional information, please contact Vicente T. Palacios at 664-4480/ 81. ***(PR)***

Book sale set on Nov. 13

The CNMI Friends of the Library will be hosting a book sale on Nov. 13 at the Joeten Kiyu Library in susupe.

Hardcover books will be priced at $1 and softcovers will be priced at $.50.

For more information on the event and or to be a volunteer member of the CNMI Friends of the Library, please call Mrs. Janice Sablan at 234-5459 or Schobwuut Premier Consulting's Rose T. Ada-Hocog at 287-0818. You can also email them at janicesablan@yahoo.com or rosetada@yahoo.com. ***(PR)***

Pamphlets of House Legislative Initiatives out

Are you aware of the House Legislative Initiative 16-13, 16-18, and 17-1? For more information you can pick up pamphlets at Northern Marianas College on Oct. 21 from 5pm to 6:25pm. ***(PR)***

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It's clear now. The wave of discontent has swept through America and is about to crash the halls of the Democrat-led Congress. Only 4 years after taking back power in 2006, the Democrats are now poised to lose the House and possibly the Senate. Republicans, on the otherhand, are leading the way presetting a clear alternative to President Obama's disasterous economic policies. There is only one Republican in this race that can lead us in a Republican-controlled Congress and that is Juan Nekai Babauta. The CNMI can no longer afford to wait as someone new tries to figure out how Washington, DC operates and NO ONE in this race offers more experience than Juan's 12 years in Washington working for us as our Washington Representative. In Juan, we have a leader who is capable of hit the ground running on Day One.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: October 20, 2010

Name of Responsible Entity: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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On or about October 29, 2010 Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Honolulu Field Office, for the release of Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds under the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, to undertake a project known as Homeowner Rehabilitation for the purpose of providing no cost or low cost financing assistance to very low and low-income families for the rehabilitation and/or repair of their principal residences. The estimated funding needed under this program for 2010 and 2011 is:

HOME GRANT	*Amount*
M-09-ST-69-0208	*$550,352.90*
M-10-ST-69-0208	*$550,352.90*
Total:	*$1,100,705.80*

The areas where rehabilitation work will occur are on homestead/village lots as well as private residential lots on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Lots located within the Special Flood Hazard Areas are not eligible for rehabilitation work.

The activities proposed under the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.35(3)(i) from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) main office in Garapan, Saipan, at the NMHC Office in Songsong Village, Rota, and at the NMHC Office in San Jose Village, Tinian and may be examined or copied weekdays from 7:30 A.M to 4:30P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to NMHC. All comments received by October 29, 2010 will be considered by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands certifies to HUD that Governor Benigno R. Fitial in his capacity as Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands' certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands; (b) the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development at the Honolulu Field Office, 500 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 3A, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

/s/ The Honorable Benigno R. Fitial
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Fighting gay bullying: The only 'agenda' is respect

A spate of suicides by gay teenagers has produced what looks like a united front against anti-gay bullying. But at least one conservative leader sees a sinister homosexual agenda in efforts to combat such bullying by acknowledging and affirming gay students.

As The Times recently observed, harassment of gay and lesbian students is part of a larger problem, and therefore, schools should pursue comprehensive anti-bullying efforts. That doesn't mean teachers and administrators shouldn't recognize anti-gay bullying as a distinct issue rooted not only in adolescent cruelty but in cultural condemnations of homosexuality. When they do so, however, they are accused by some conservatives of taking sides in a culture war.

An extreme example was a recent article by Tony Perkins president of the Family Research Council. Perkins accused the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network and similar organizations of exploiting the suicides of gay teenagers "to push their agenda of demanding not only tolerance of homosexual individuals but active affirmation of homosexual conduct and their efforts to redefine the family." For good measure, he said, "the homosexual movement, and their allies in the media and the educational establishment," may be creating despair that can lead to suicide by telling homosexuals that they are "'born gay' and can never change."

Perkins' characterization of GLSEN is unfair to the point of absurdity. But it is true that many of those who decry the bullying of gay and lesbian students also believe that schools should accept and affirm their identity, and treat homophobia with the same opprobrium with which they view racism. These advocates also believe, rightly, that schools shouldn't endorse the theory that gays and lesbians can be converted to heterosexuality, a notion dismissed by psychiatrists and psychologists.

In time, the idea that schools shouldn't take sides when it comes to the dignity of gays and lesbians will seem as quaint as the idea that teaching children about racial equality is furthering an "integrationist agenda." Meanwhile, schools should treat gay and lesbian students and families with respect and welcome efforts by students to oppose anti-gay bullying, such as the Gay-Straight Alliance groups that have been formed at thousands of U.S. schools. Preventing the harassment of gay students will require careful attention to the law (which gives students who want to criticize homosexuality the right to express their opinion in a nondisruptive way). But schools should recognize that protecting gay students involves more than protecting them from bullying.

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Time for Washington to get serious about Mexico

By RICHARD PARKER and CATE SMITHSON
MCT

BIG BEND, Texas—Hundreds of miles from the nearest big town, on a sandstone cliff by the Rio Grande, Mexican hands have left a few small trinkets for sale and glass jars for money. Unattended, the items are like offerings. There are no people in sight anywhere, on this rocky side of the border or in the tall reeds of the other.

The items for sale are souvenirs from the harsh desert sold from a Mexican to an American, paid for entirely on the honor system. The shallow, muddy river is not so much a border between two countries as it is a place where the United States fades into the blue desert mountains of Mexico.

Illegal immigration from Mexico flared as a political issue in the Arizona desert but quickly turned into a prairie brush fire that spread across the country. But if understood correctly, Americans generally are just as concerned by the security of our southern border as they are by the people who cross it. And they should be.

Violence in Mexico is a real strategic concern, even though violence in U.S. border cities has been down, not up, according to the FBI. Mexico and America have always had a complex relationship. But they are allies and partners. And whoever wins this election season in this country would do well to invest in the relationship with Mexico, too long neglected in Washington.

First, a look at U.S. public sentiment through the lens of various polls—CBS, Quinnipiac and Gallup—reveals more subtlety and perspective than that of the politicians who have taken to mere immigrant bashing. On the whole, about 65 percent of voters believe that illegal immigration is a serious problem—but that's only a few percentage points more than people thought four years ago. Only half—in many cases within the margin of error—believe an Arizona-style law is the answer. And according to one survey, fewer than one-quarter think such a law would curb illegal immigration, let alone lower crime.

But the most important reflection of public opinion comes when Americans are asked to rank the issues that the country needs to deal with. After all, there are limited political resources—not to mention attention spans—in Washington. People rank creating jobs and lessening unemployment first, according to Gallup. They rank securing the borders and controlling illegal immigration second, followed by focusing on the country and its people's problems instead of political posturing. Balancing the federal budget and bringing our troops home come next—but only by half as much.

In Texas, for example, the economy still outranks immigration on the list of concerns for voters, according to a recent Lyceum Poll. Only a little more than half those polled thought an Arizona-style law was a good idea. To many observers, that rather slim margin came as a surprise in a border states. Yet even Republican Gov. Rick Perry has concluded than an Arizona-style law is not the right answer in Texas.

Securing the border from violence is and should be a major priority, although the border has always been, and will always be, a rough, dangerous place. But there are no simple fixes. A thousand National Guard troops, armed or unarmed, will not make a whit of difference. Militarizing the border is a ridiculous use of resources given the pressing national security concerns we have all around the world.

But if you want to make sure the U.S. stays safe from the drug war in Mexico then you have to do the strategic heavy lifting—on both sides of the border. Much has been made of the Mexicans killed by drug violence. In September a leaked Mexican government report put that ghastly figure at more than 22,000. And in the exact same month the U.S. government reported that illegal drug use in this country is at its highest in a decade, with more than 21.8 million Americans using. That unpleasant fact didn't get quite as much fanfare.

So, here's another one: the blood of those Mexicans isn't just on the cartels. It is also on the hands of those 21.8 million Americans. Drug cartels aren't stupid. The U.S. drug market is expanding. Colombian cartels have outsourced or lost business to Mexican cartels that want to control trade—not just supply, but distribution—as far away as Chicago and New York, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. And legalizing marijuana only makes matters worse.

On the other side of the Rio Grande, the United States needs to invest in its relationship with Mexico. Fresh from the Cold and the Gulf Wars, former Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton made Mexico a top foreign policy priority. Doing so helped the United States open the global trading system that is secured through American power. It helped Mexico become a key player in global trade, as well as an important U.S. ally after decades of strained relations.

Mexico needs more than a little military help. It needs the wherewithal—and frankly, the prodding—to strengthen a weak democracy and clean up corrupt institutions. Before anybody says it's not our business, it is. We do it all around the world with our allies and our adversaries. We even have a name for it: foreign policy. And it is decidedly in our enlightened, national self-interest. America intervened militarily during the Mexican Revolution for the same reasons we are concerned about drug wars today. We don't want those bullets and that trouble spilling onto our streets.

On the 200th anniversary of its independence and the 100th anniversary of its bloody, landmark revolution, Mexico is intertwined with America by geography and humanity; 70 million Americans now reside in states along the Southwest border, just as much of Mexico's population has moved to its northern border. Immigration will never end; it merely ebbs and flows. And 30,000 foreign troops serve in our military today, the greatest number of them having come from, yes, Mexico.

Washington is a long way from here—everything is. But the next Congress and the current president would do well to get serious about Mexico instead of alternately grandstanding or ignoring it. Out here, after all, one country just fades indistinguishably into the blue desert mountains of the other.

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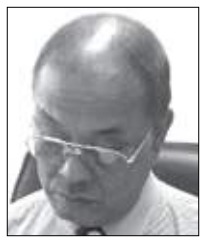

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

DelRosario is a regular contributor to the Saipan Tribune's *Opinion Section.*

Undersecretary of Interior Tony Babauta would hold a forum on economic growth and diversification. He would enlist the participation of all sectors of the NMI to ensure that we play a key role in influencing the future economic wellbeing of these isles. Such a forum would provide for a transition from the old to the new where we learn the essence of a synergistic working relationship required under USPL 110-229.

It would be a good beginning re-awakening the planning process in instituting fully planned economic programs to reboot revival of major plummet in revenues the NMI lost since the mid-'90s. It's a good beginning where both sides of the Pacific Divide meet to remap the economic future of these isles. I trust we would welcome constructive engagement in rebuilding the local economy. We don't have the luxury of options at this juncture.

Babauta's efforts would have greater meaning if local leadership could revisit, with the plan to repeal, regressive constitutional and statutory policies that have stifled investments in the NMI in the mid-'90s to the tune of $900 million to $1.5 billion. Perhaps we could also explore with Mr. Babauta how could we use AB-5, a provision of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Act, to lure a stronger group of foreign investors. A lot of the states in the union have moved in this direction to engage in wealth and jobs creation.

Indeed, we're now at the cross roads to decide, by defining, what it is that we want: More of the same or shifts in paradigms to turn it around to one of opportunities and prosperity.

Whatever we decide will determine policies designed to lift everybody's boat or sink it altogether right into the abyss of the Pacific Ring of Fire. Hope we take the former paradigm.

It's up to us. It begins with the self. Through the self, we gather to engage in deliberative discussions in order to secure clarity of understanding on a myriad of substantive issues. It is through these discussions that we define the future of these isles. It means, we ought to also do away with protectionist policies in order to open the door of opportunities for all our people. It is the only way to rein in wealth, prosperity and jobs. It's the route to improving the lot of most everyone.

"The entrepreneurial spirit has been a key source of our country's greatness since the nation's founding some 232 years ago. In addition to being the primary engine of our economic growth and prosperity, the entrepreneurial spirit is inextricably linked to the inalienable rights enshrined in the Declaration of Independence, including liberty and the pursuit of happiness". It's all in the palm of our hands. Let's do it. It's now or never!

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There's a reason for the obvious necessity of a fully founded plan. If I may illustrate: We send scholars abroad to study in an effort to building a pool of educated technical and professional people. What's our plan to provide opportunities for returning scholars upon completion of their studies? In brief, we need to be wary of the consequences of our decisions.

It makes it mandatory that we enlist the proactive participation of NMC in view of the future need for stronger opportunities in continuing education. While NMC's syllabus is fine for now, we must encourage the board to be visionaries. Expanding its role to a four-year institution capable of embracing the needs of those who can't afford going off-island and the need for continuing education to stay ahead would do the NMI community a whale of good.

The Commonwealth Development Authority is another agency that could play a major role in the planning and implementation of economic programs of the NMI. CDA and NMC can't be left on the sidelines given their vital role in moving innovative plans beyond conventional wisdom. Herein lies opportunities to assist the NMI in the establishment of "think tanks" capable of thoroughly researching policy matters pertaining to any and all socio-economic plans with the view to refinement as we move along. We've got to give them a chance to blossom so the right hand knows what the left hand is doing.

Our collective success would translate into prosperity. It would boost wealth and jobs creation. At the end of the day, there would be sufficient funds to defray the cost of health, education and public safety, costs that have taken leaps and bounds beyond our means today. The tide waits for no man. Let's join hands and work together toward a prosperous NMI. We deserve nothing less!

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My buddy Magoo said he admires those who advocate self-government for the indigenous people. "But we need to learn the first principles found in the sacred document inscribed with, 'We the people...'" Obviously, the covenant agreement makes the NMI a territory, a state and a nation depending upon the legal contest before the court. But one thing is a certainty the NMI is under the sovereign rule of the U.S. How grand that even adolescent and novice viewpoints are tolerated under the Stars and Stripes forever. March on, there's a better tomorrow ahead and we must earn it the old fashion way.

FEDERAL ELECTION LAW

What CNMI voters and candidates need to know

Part II: Patronage crimes

*'The cost of the practice of patronage is the restraint it places on freedoms of belief and association. In order to retain their jobs, respondents were required to pledge their political allegiance to the party, work for the election of other candidates of the party, contribute a portion of their wages to the party, or obtain the sponsorship of a member of the party… The free functioning of the electoral process also suffers…Patronage tips the electoral process in favor of the incumbent party, and where the practice's scope is substantial relative to the size of the electorate, the impact on the process can be significant.'—**Justice William Brennan***

By ALICIA LIMTIACO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Patronage—the practice of hiring based on political affiliation instead of merit—is sometimes referred to as the "spoils system"—a term derived from New York Senator William Marcy's infamous quote, "to the victor belong the spoils," after the 1828 election of President Andrew Jackson, who had removed over 900 government officials—fully 10 percent of the government at the time—to lavishly dole out jobs he had promised his political supporters.

Federal patronage crimes can be grouped into two categories: those that limit political activity based on Federal employment or workplace, and those that limit the activities of those administering Federal programs or receiving Federal benefits.

Limitations on Federal employees and Federal workplaces include:

No solicitation of political contributions (18 U.S.C. ' 602): This statute prohibits a United States Senator or Representative, a candidate for Congress, an officer or employee of the United States, or a person receiving compensation for services from the United States Treasury, from soliciting a contribution from any other such Federal officer or employee with the intent to "influence a Federal election." Generally, a contribution to "influence a Federal election" would be one directed to a particular candidate for Federal office, or to the candidate's party. The statute applies to all officers and employees of the executive, judicial or legislative branches of the government. Violations are punishable by up to three years in prison.

No making political contributions (18 U.S.C. ' 603): Section 603 prohibits any officer or employee of the United States, or a person receiving compensation for services from the United States Treasury, from giving any contribution to any other such officer, employee, or person, or to a U.S. Senator or Representative, if the person who receives the contribution is the donor's "employer or employing authority." Like section 602, this section only covers contributions that are intended to influence a federal election.

Intimidation to secure political contributions (18 U.S.C. ' 606): Section 606 prohibits any United States Senator or Representative, Federal officer or employee from discharging, demoting, or promoting another Federal officer or employee for making, or failing to make, a contribution of money or anything else of value. The statute also prohibits threats to discharge or demote Federal officials or employees for failing to make contributions to a favored candidate (or for making contributions to a disfavored candidate), or promises to promote Federal officials or employees who make contributions to a favored candidate or party. Those who violate this statute can be imprisoned for up to three years.

Coercion of political activity (18 U.S.C. ' 610): Section 610 makes it a crime to intimidate, threaten, command or coerce any Federal employee of the executive branch to engage in political activity or to refrain from engaging in political activity, or to attempt to do so. "Political activity" is intentionally defined broadly to include any conduct that is related to voting, campaigning or contributing.

Solicitation of political contributions on Federal premises (18 U.S.C. '607): This statute makes it a crime for anyone to solicit or receive political contributions in any room, building or area where Federal employees are engaged in their official duties. Section 607 covers all three branches of the Federal government, and would include such areas as U.S. Post Offices, Courthouses, Congressional offices and Federal office buildings. It also covers solicitations by non-Federal employees in such prohibited areas.

Limitations on those participating in federally funded programs or receiving Federal benefits include:

No promise of employment or benefit for political activity (18 U.S.C. ' 600): Section 600 is one of the two principal statutes—along with section 601 described below—providing for criminal prosecution of corrupt public officials who use government-funded jobs or programs to advance partisan political interests. The statute makes it unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, to promise any employment, position, compensation, contract, appointment, or other benefit, made possible in whole or in part by an Act of Congress, as consideration, favor or reward for any past or future political activity. The political activity includes support for, or opposition to, any candidate or political party in any election. The statute applies to all candidates—Federal, State or local—and to all elections, including general elections, special elections, primary elections, political conventions and caucuses. For example, if any person promised to give a Census job—the U.S. Census provided for by an Act of Congress—to another person in exchange for that person's support for any candidate or any political party, the person making such a promise could go to prison for up to a year.

No deprivation of employment or benefit for political contribution (18 U.S.C. ' 601): Like section 600 above, section 601 is a tool Federal prosecutors can use to prosecute public officials who dole out government jobs or program benefits to advance a candidate or party, rather than to serve the public interest. The difference between the two sections is that section 601 criminalizes the threat to terminate a Federally funded job or benefit the target of the threat already has; section 600, by contrast, criminalizes the promise of Federally funded jobs or benefits as a reward for political activity in support of a favored candidate or party. For example, if any person threatened to terminate another person from a Federally funded job to punish that person for supporting a candidate or party disfavored by the person making the threat, or for failing to support a favored candidate, that would be a violation of section 601.

No promise of appointment by a candidate for federal office (18 U.S.C. ' 599): This statute prohibits a candidate for any Federal office from promising another person that he or she will be appointed to any public or private position or employment in return for support for his candidacy. For example, if a candidate for Congressional Delegate promised another person that he would be appointed to a public position in return for his support, that could be a crime. It would also apply to situations where the candidate promised to appoint a third person—such as a supporter's spouse—in return for support.

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Anyone with information concerning possible election fraud should contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation and ask to speak with the FBI's Election Crimes Coordinator at 322-6934, or USA Jim Benedetto, the District Election Officer for the CNMI, at the United States Attorney's Office in Saipan at 236-2980. All calls are confidential, and any person who retaliates against a witness who has given information to Federal law enforcement authorities is subject to serious criminal penalties.

Letter to the Editor

Still waiting for tax refunds

I am curious as to why there has not been any mention of "09" tax refunds? Am I the only taxpayer being told by DOF to "just wait" or "write to the director"? We all know of the tough economic times, however, Federal income tax money is what it is and refunds and rebates should have already been disbursed. Looking forward to reading about this in the *Saipan Tribune* very soon.

Charles George
Honolulu, HI

The Weather

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼76°	▲87° ▼76°	▲87° ▼76°	▲87° ▼76°	▲87° ▼76°

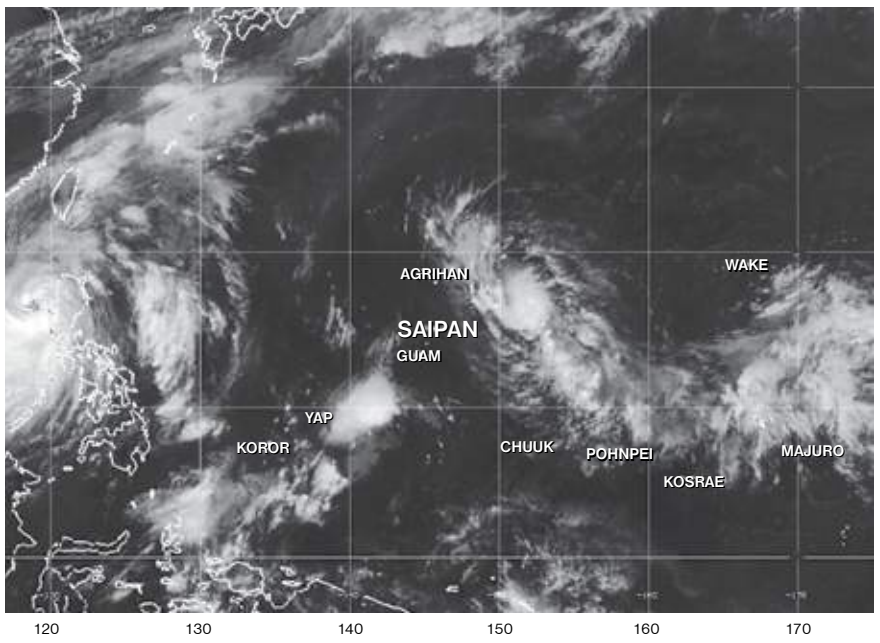
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲84	▼78
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼76
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	▲84	▼77
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼72
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼75
Majuro	Rain	▲84	▼78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲59	▼55
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲64	▼49
Hong Kong	Cloudy	▲85	▼75
Honolulu	Sunny	▲85	▼74
London	Sunny	▲44	▼37
Los Angeles	Showers	▲67	▼58
Manila	Thundershowers	▲85	▼81
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼48
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼70
New York	Rain	▲62	▼47
Osaka	Cloudy	▲74	▼65
Paris	Showers	▲47	▼32
Pusan	Windy	▲75	▼63
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼50
Salem	Sunny	▲70	▼41
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲72	▼57
Seoul	Sunny	▲67	▼52
Tokyo	Showers	▲71	▼64
Washington, DC	Showers	▲68	▼53

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough stretches northeastward from south of Koror at 3N134E through a weak circulation at 8N140E ending south of Guam at 12N144E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found east of Yap to south of Koror in an area bounded by 3N133E to 3N138E to 11N143E to 11N140E back to 3N133E. Another trough northeast of the Marianas extends from 19N147E southeastward through a weak circulation at 17N151E ending near 17N157E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 120 miles of a line extending from 22N146E to 11N157E. An upper low south of Wake Island near 17N169E is aiding trade-wind convergence near another surface circulation at 12N167E to produce scattered showers across the Northern Marshall Islands to near Wake Island east of a line from 8N164E to 18N169E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:02 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
5:50 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
11:56 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
5:55 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:10 AM	5:54 PM
Thursday	6:10 AM	5:53 PM
Friday	6:10 AM	5:53 PM
Saturday	6:10 AM	5:52 PM
Sunday	6:11 AM	5:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:55 PM	3:37 AM
Thursday	4:31 PM	4:23 AM
Friday	5:08 PM	5:11 AM
Saturday	5:48 PM	6:00 AM
Sunday	6:32 PM	6:52 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2010

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
C09316/893	2:45am	9:00am	3, 6 via GUM-Palau
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
DL287/173	6:00am	10:55pm	Daily via NRT
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL286	3:50pm	8:25pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/173	7:50am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0892/9316	4:15pm	3:35am+1	3, 6 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C0596	10:00pm	7:25am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily
FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

NMC completes transfer of public radio station to nonprofit MEMS

The Northern Marianas College has completed the transfer of the public radio station KRNM-FM to a nonprofit organization, Marianas Educational Media Services, Inc. (MEMS), with the transfer of radio broadcast equipment.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) last year approved the college's application to assign its KRNM licenses to Guam-based MEMS, who had offered to continue KRNM's public radio format broadcasting in the CNMI. To support its operations, MEMS will rely on listener and corporate support. It will also provide NMC with no-cost announcements.

"We are extremely thankful to the CNMI community for their continued support, especially those who contributed financial resources to KRNM," said NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera. "Those generous donations went a long way in helping to diversifying the types of radio programming that listeners enjoyed."

"We are extremely pleased that MEMS will continue to offer excellent entertainment and educational radio programs that we have come to enjoy on KRNM these past few years," added Cabrera.

In the meantime, the college has converted 600 square feet of vacated studio and radio office space to support its operations. The removal of the 100-foot radio tower and two satellite dishes will be handled by MEMS at no cost to NMC.

Public radio is now enjoyed throughout Saipan and Tinian on KRNM's translator, at 89.1FM.

KRNM was originally established with federal funds in 1998 when the FCC granted the college a license to broadcast non-commercial public radio programming. The radio station set out to become self-sustaining with external funding. Unfortunately, the goal was never reached, and, for the past 10 years, KRNM was heavily subsidized by NMC.

The college had decided to cease subsidizing KRNM operations to focus its resources on its core academic programs. The NMC Board of Regents voted in a September 2008 meeting to support the assignment of KRNM licenses to a nonprofit, educational entity. ***(PR)***

STEP-UP MEETING
Staff members of the Northern Marianas College recently held a meeting with officials of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) to discuss the Short-Term Education Program for Underrepresented Persons or STEP-UP. From left: Dr. Alfredo De Torres, NMC Natural Resources Management program coordinator and instructor; Vina Claire Saures, health program coordinator of the CNMI Public School System; Dr. George Hui, professor at the University of Hawaii; Kae Pusic, STEP-UP coordinator at the University of Hawaii; Winnie Martinez, program analyst of the NIDDK; Barbara Merfalen, NMC dean of Academic Programs and Services; and Dr. Lawrence Agodoa, director of the NIDDK.
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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

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Birthday greetings go out to Jen Sablan, who celebrates her birthday today, Oct. 20. May you have an awesome and great day! Much love coming from your familia as well as all your besties!

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Birthday greetings go out to Joon "Chineseface" Lee, who celebrates his birthday today, Oct. 20. Coming out from the "German" and the rest of the MHS Dolphin 2K12 crew.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice for Public Comment
Coastal Zone Management Act Section 309 Assessment and Strategy Report 2011-2015

CNMI Coastal Resources Management office is pleased to announce that the Draft CZMA Section 309 Assessment and Strategy Report 2011-2015 is available for public review. We invite all interested parties to submit comments during the open period of October 2, 2010 - November 30, 2010.

Section 309 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) established a voluntary coastal zone enhancement grants program to encourage states and territories to improve program efforts. Under §309, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce is authorized to make awards to the CNMI Coastal Resources Management Office (CRM) to develop and implement federally approved program changes in coastal management. To be eligible for this funding, CRM must submit a §309 Assessment and Strategy document every five years. In the report, CRM develops strategies to address priority issues that are identified in nine enhancement areas:

- Wetlands
- Public Access
- Coastal Hazards
- Marine Debris
- Cumulative and Secondary Impacts
- Special Area Management Planning
- Ocean Resources
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Business

Bank of America starts thaw in foreclosure freeze

WASHINGTON (AP)—The pace of U.S. home foreclosures may not slow much after all.

Bank of America said Monday that it plans to resume seizing more than 100,000 homes in 23 states next week. It said it has a legal right to foreclose despite accusations that documents used in the process were flawed.

Other major lenders have yet to say whether they will follow suit and resume foreclosures in the 23 states that require a judge's approval. But analysts said they expect the move by the nation's biggest bank will mean other lenders will proceed with a wave of foreclosures that have depressed the housing market.

Banking analyst Nancy Bush of NAB Research said other lenders are likely to follow because foreclosure practices were similar from bank to bank.

"We'll be back to square one by the end of the year," she said.

The bank's move could mean that the costs of the foreclosure-document mess will wind up being less than some investors had feared just days ago. Bank shares sank last week after JPMorgan Chase & Co. said it set aside $1.3 billion in the third quarter to cover legal expenses that include the foreclosure document problems.

Shares of Charlotte, N.C.-based Bank of America had been flat earlier Monday but jumped on the news. They rose 36 cents, or 3 percent, to close at $12.34.

Bank of America Corp. said it's confident of its foreclosure decisions. The bank is still delaying foreclosures in the 27 states that don't require a judge's approval. It said it's still reviewing its cases in those states.

The bank's move comes two weeks after it began halting foreclosures nationwide amid allegations that bank employees signed but didn't read documents that may have contained errors. These employees have earned the nickname "robo-signers."

AP

In this April 16, 2010 file photo, a Bank of America branch is shown in Charlotte, N.C.

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Facebook says apps transmitted user information

NEW YORK (AP)—The latest Facebook privacy fiasco shows that the world's largest online social hub is having a hard time putting this thorny issue behind it even as it continues to attract users and become indispensible to many of them.

The Wall Street Journal reported Monday that several popular Facebook applications have been transmitting users' personal identifying information to dozens of advertising and Internet tracking companies. Facebook said it is working to fix the problem, and was quick to point out that the leaks were not intentional, but a consequence of basic Web mechanisms.

"In most cases, developers did not intend to pass this information, but did so because of the technical details of how browsers work," said Mike Vernal, a Facebook engineer, in a blog post Monday.

In a statement, Facebook said there is "no evidence that any personal information was misused or even collected as a result of this issue."

Even so, some privacy advocates said it's problematic that the information was leaked at all, regardless of what happened to it. Facebook needs its users to trust it with their data because if they don't, they won't use the site to share as much as they do now.

"Facebook has been assuring users for a very long time that their personal information will not be available to advertisers," said Marc Rotenberg, executive director of the Washington-based Electronic Privacy Information Center.

At issue are user IDs, the unique identifier tied to every person on Facebook. These IDs can be used to find users' names, gender and any information they've made visible to "everyone" on the Internet through their privacy settings.

"It's their entire friends' lists, their likes, their biographical information," Rotenberg said. "Facebook gets access to it and now it's leaking out to advertisers."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Study: Flight delays cost passengers $16.7 billion

WASHINGTON (AP)—Airline flight delays cost passengers more than inconvenience—$16.7 billion more—according to a study delivered to the Federal Aviation Administration on Monday. The FAA-funded study looks at the cost to passengers for flight delays in 2007, the latest year for which complete data was available when researchers began working on the study. Unlike past studies of the impact of flight delays, researchers looked more broadly at the costs associated with flight delays, including passengers' lost time waiting for flights and then scrambling to make other arrangements when flights are canceled. The cost to airlines for delays was $8.3 billion, mostly for crew, fuel and maintenance. Overall, the cost was $33 billion, including to other parts of the economy. But one finding of the study is that more than half the cost associated with flight delays is borne by passengers. Those costs likely were lower in the three years since 2007, due to the weakened economy. Air travel peaked in 2007 before the economy went sour. And so did flight delays and cancellations. In 2007, 1.3 million domestic flights were delayed and 119,000 flights canceled, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

Asia stocks mixed after solid US corporate results

TOKYO (AP)—Asian stock markets were mixed on Tuesday, but losses were limited as sentiment remained firm on robust earnings results from Citigroup Inc. and U.S. tech heavyweights including Apple Inc. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 stock index gained 50.44 points, or 0.5 percent, to 9,548 93 in the morning session. South Korea's Kospi slipped 0.4 percent to 1,868.77. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 was up 0.4 percent at 4,742.10.

Elsewhere, Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 0.4 percent to 23,551.31. Markets in Malaysia and Singapore advanced. But the Shanghai Composite Index declined 0.4 percent to 2,943.62. Stocks in New Zealand and Taiwan also fell.

IPhone helps Apple dial 4Q net income up 70 pct

SEATTLE (AP)—Wall Street's bar was so high for Apple Inc. that the fact that it sold more iPads than Macs in the latest quarter wasn't enough to impress investors.

Shares fell nearly 6 percent after the release of results Monday, even though Apple reported record net income and revenue as iPhone sales nearly doubled from a year ago.

Apple said it sold 4.2 million iPads during the fiscal fourth quarter. Although that was more than the 3.9 million Macintosh computers Apple sold, it was fewer than the 5 million iPads that analysts had estimated. And although Apple's gross margin—a measure of its profitability—was better than its own guidance, Wall Street was expecting even better. "I think expectations got a little out of hand," Kaufman Bros. analyst Shaw Wu said in an interview.

Nation

Judge likely to deny gov't on gay troops order

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP)—A federal judge said on Monday that she is learning toward denying a government request to delay her order halting the military from enforcing its ban on openly gay troops.

U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips said she would review the arguments from Justice Department lawyers and issue a ruling as early as Monday, or by Tuesday.

"My tentative ruling is to deny the application for a stay," Phillips said at the start of the hearing.

Phillips said the government has not proven that her order would harm troops or in any way impede efforts to implement new regulations for the military to deal with openly gay service members.

If she rejects the request, Justice Department officials say the Obama administration would appeal. Experts say they will likely find friendlier venues in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit in San Francisco and, ultimately, the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The farther the decision gets from the presentation of evidence in the trial court, the more likely it is that courts will assume the military must have some critically important interest at stake," said Diane Mazur, a law professor who opposes the policy.

The military has promised to abide by the injunction against the "don't ask, don't tell" policy as long as her order remained in place.

Government attorneys had asked Phillips to suspend her order while they appealed, saying that forcing an abrupt change of policy could damage troop morale as they fought two wars.

The judge declared the policy unconstitutional on Sept. 9, saying it violated due process rights, freedom of speech and the right to petition the government for redress of grievances guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Phillips said the policy doesn't help military readiness and instead has a "direct and deleterious effect" on the armed services by hurting recruiting and requiring the discharge of service members with critical skills and training.

ACROSS THE NATION

Police kill NY college football player from Mass.

THORNWOOD, N.Y. (AP)—A college football player parked in a fire lane outside a bar sped away from police rapping on his car window, hit an officer who clung to the hood as the sedan barreled toward a colleague, and was killed by a burst of police gunfire that pierced his windshield, authorities said. But the father of a passenger in the car said Monday that the driver headed away because he thought police wanted him to move—and he denied that an officer was struck by the car. Danroy "D.J." Henry, 20, had just played for Pace University in front of screaming fans during its homecoming football game against Stonehill College of Easton, Mass.—the junior defensive player's hometown. Hours later, hysterical students screamed on the sidewalk outside a strip mall as authorities tried to revive the wounded Henry, who at first had been handcuffed. The New York State Police joined Monday in an investigation of the events involving three local police officers early Sunday. The victim's family and friends were skeptical of the account of events police gave.

2 workers killed in Tenn. post office shooting

HENNING, Tenn. (AP)—Two gunmen opened fire Monday at a post office in a rural West Tennessee town that was home to "Roots" author Alex Haley, killing two workers perhaps as part of an attempted robbery. The shooting happened at the one-story, brick building in Henning, that is a hub of activity in the small town. Authorities were looking for a vehicle but Lauderdale County District Attorney Mike Dunavant would not elaborate except to say the case involved "disturbing violence." No arrests were made, and postal officials pleaded with the public to come forward with information about the crime. The victims were identified as Judy Spray, 58, a rural carrier associate, and Paula Robinson, 33, a retail clerk.

Ariz. officer accused of assaulting 2 female cops

MESA, Ariz. (AP)—An Arizona policeman has been reassigned over allegations he knocked together the heads of two off-duty female police officers at a bar. Steven Miller, who works for the Phoenix suburb of Mesa, is charged in Scottsdale Municipal Court with three counts of assault and two counts of disorderly conduct. The East Valley Tribune says Miller approached two women at Flicka's Bar in Scottsdale, grabbed them by the back of the neck and knocked their heads together on Sept. 12. One of the women was his ex-girlfriend. Police say Miller is a 15-year veteran and has been reassigned to the police department's evidence unit pending the outcome of an internal investigation.

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Asia

Super typhoon dumps rains in RP; 10 dead

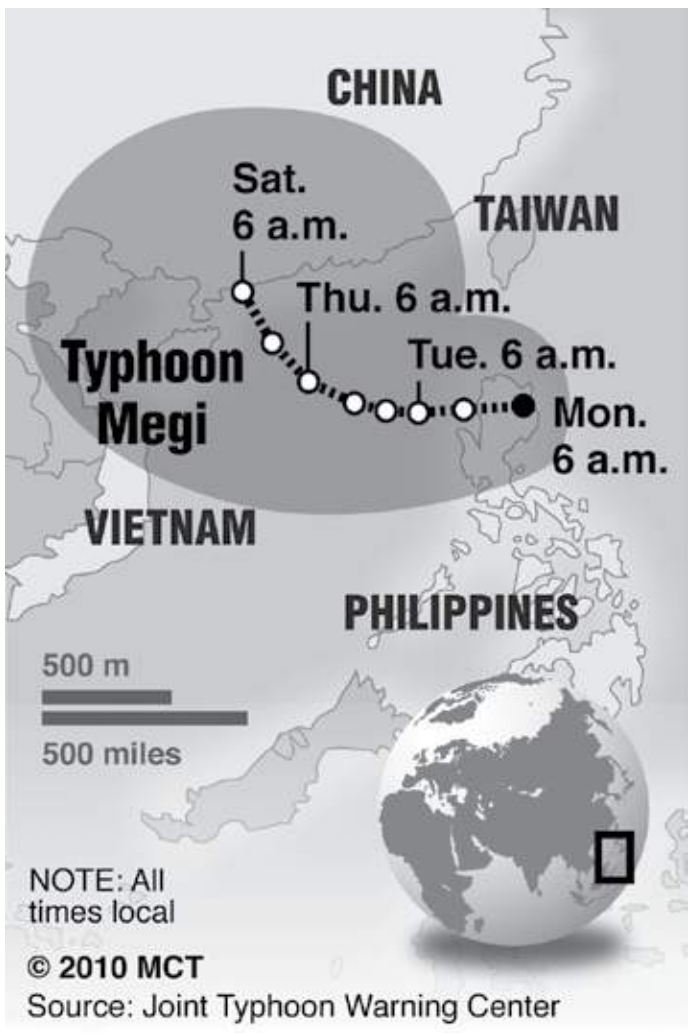
CAUAYAN, Philippines (AP)—Super Typhoon Megi dumped heavy rains over the Philippine capital as it departed Tuesday after killing 10 people, creating a wasteland of fallen trees in the north and sending thousands scrambling to safety in near-zero visibility.

The strongest cyclone to buffet the country in years slammed into the northern Philippines on Monday and was forecast to regain strength over the South China Sea on Tuesday as it headed toward China and Vietnam, where recent floods unrelated to the storm already have caused 30 deaths.

Surging currents on Vietnam's flooded main highway Monday swept away a bus and 20 of its passengers, including a boy pulled from his mother's grasp. In China, authorities evacuated 140,000 people from a coastal province ahead of the typhoon, which Chinese officials said could hit the southern coast as early as midnight Tuesday. Heavy rains have already lashed Hainan.

Megi packed sustained winds of 140 miles (225 kilometers) per hour and gusts of 162 mph (260 kph) as it made landfall in the northern province of Isabela, felling trees and utility poles and cutting off power, phone and Internet services. Its ferocious wind slightly weakened while crossing the mountains of the Philippines' main northern island of Luzon.

Blowing over the open sea Tuesday, the typhoon's massive outer bands still stretched over much of western Luzon and drenched the capital, Manila, and surrounding areas, snarling traffic and sending about 1,000 people out of their homes into temporary shelters.



In Isabela province, about 200 miles (320 kilometers) northeast of the capital, more than 4,150 people rode out the typhoon in sturdy school buildings, town halls, churches and relatives' homes. Roads in and out of the coastal province were deserted and blocked by collapsed trees, power lines and debris.

At least 10 deaths were blamed on the typhoon, including three men who drowned in a fish pond where the typhoon made landfall, and a man who had just rescued his water buffalo then slipped and fell into a river in Cagayan province, near Isabela. A woman was pinned to death when a tamarind tree crushed her house and injured her child in Kalinga province, and a security guard died after being struck by a pine tree in nearby Baguio city, officials said.

World

French strikes hit airlines, trucking, gas pumps

PARIS (AP)—Airlines flying into France were ordered to slash schedules—and to bring enough fuel for the trip out. Gas stations ran short or dry, while truckers jammed highway traffic Monday by driving at a snail's pace, a tactic known in French as "operation escargot."

Strikes over the government's plans to raise the retirement age to 62 from 60 disrupted daily life and a wide swath of industry—from oil refining to travel to shipping—as protesters fought a proposal they say tampers with the near-sacred French social contract.

Teens, who usually don't worry about old age, joined in the protests, with at least 261 high schools blocked or disrupted Monday. Some turned violent and 290 youths were arrested, the Interior Ministry said. Students set cars and tires on fire, toppled a telephone booth and hurled debris at police in the Paris suburb of Nanterre, as well as in Lyon and elsewhere. At least five police officers were injured.

Street demonstrations were planned in more than 200 cities across France on Tuesday—the sixth nationwide day of protest marches since early September. Tuesday was also expected to bring more severe disruptions to air travel, trains, schools and beyond.

Many in France consider retiring at 60 a pillar of France's hard-won social contract—and fear this is just the first step in eroding their often-envied quality of life. Critics say President Nicolas Sarkozy wants to adopt an "American-style capitalist" system and claim the government could find pension savings elsewhere, such as by raising contributions from employers.

The protests in France come as countries across Europe are cutting spending and raising taxes to bring down record deficits and debts from the worst recession in 70 years.

Sarkozy's conservative government points out that 62 is among the lowest retirement ages in Europe, the French are living much longer and the pension system is losing money.

"This reform is essential, France is committed to it, and France will carry it out," Sarkozy said Monday in the Normandy beach resort of Deauville.

With the measure expected to pass easily in a Senate vote this week, after being approved earlier by the lower house of parliament, victory could come at a high cost: The unpopular retirement reform is a key factor in Sarkozy's dismal approval ratings.

EU signs off on tougher budget rules

LUXEMBOURG (AP)—Ending months of intense debate, EU governments on Monday agreed on tougher budget rules for euro-zone nations that can trigger fines for countries racking up big deficits and debts like the ones that have eroded confidence in the euro.

The complex deal provides for penalties to keep European governments away from unbridled spending, but backed off earlier proposals to make them almost automatic if governments breach EU limits.

Herman van Rompuy, the EU president who led the debate among EU governments, spoke of "a great step forward in economic governance" and "the biggest reform" since the euro came into circulation in 2002.

Meeting in Luxembourg, the 16 eurozone finance ministers backed an agreement under which countries deemed to be violating the euro's public deficit and debt ceilings—of 3 percent and 60 percent of GDP, respectively—risk big fines.

But at France's insistence these will not be automatic. To the dismay of such euro-hardliners as the Netherlands, Sweden and Slovakia, penalties can only be imposed if a majority of EU governments first vote that a country has indeed breached EU rules.

In a two-step process, a majority of EU governments first needs to decide whether a country is either on the path to violating or has already broken deficit limits. Once that decison has been taken, the European Commission, the EU's executive, can impose sanctions, which in turn can only be stopped by a majority of governments.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Sharp quake rattles southern NZ city

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—An earthquake rattled the southern New Zealand city of Christchurch on Tuesday, cutting power and phone service and sending some residents running into the streets just weeks after a more powerful quake caused extensive damage. New Zealand's geological agency GNS Science said Tuesday's magnitude 5.0 quake was centered six miles (10 kilometers) southwest of the city and just five miles (nine kilometers) below the surface. Buildings shook and objects tumbled from shelves when the quake hit about 11:30 a.m. (22:30 GMT Monday), emergency services said. Electricity and phone service were cut to several parts of the city, and a number of buildings in the city center were evacuated following the shake, civil defense officials said.

Tainted wine kills 14 people at Cambodian ceremony

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Fourteen people have died from drinking wine tainted with weed killer at a ceremony where the Cambodian villagers were appealing to spirits to protect children. Twenty people still were hospitalized Monday. Police in the eastern province of Kampong Cham said the victims drank locally produced rice wine from a bottle that had previously contained toxic herbicide. They are still investigating but believe the poisoning was accidental. Provincial police chief Nuon Samin said people felt weak soon after drinking the wine at the ceremony Saturday. Nine died soon after, and five more on Sunday and Monday, even though doctors rushed to the village. The community is 120 kilometers (75 miles) east of the capital Phnom Penh.

148 Pakistani lawmakers suspended

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistan's election commission says 148 lawmakers have been suspended for failing to disclose details of their wealth. The lawmakers come from the national and regional assemblies, which together have more than 1,000 members. Election commission spokesman Afzal Khan said Monday those who submitted the required reports to the body would be reinstated. Lawmakers must submit yearly reports of their wealth to try and prevent corruption, which is rife within Pakistani politics. Khan was unable to give details on which parties the lawmakers came from because he was out of his office.

WORLD BRIEFS

Canadian military officer exposed as serial killer

BELLEVILLE, Ontario (AP)—He was a square-jawed Canadian Air Force officer with a brilliant future, a man entrusted with flying prime ministers and Queen Elizabeth II. On Monday, he was exposed as a serial killer with a shocking fetish for girls' panties that he documented in a trove of twisted photos of himself. At a hearing that reduced victims' relatives to tears, the lurid photos were shown one by one in court as Col. Russell Williams, 47, pleaded guilty to murdering two women, sexually assaulting two others and committing dozens of break-ins in which he stole underwear from the bedrooms of girls as young as 11. He faces an automatic sentence of life in prison with no possibility for parole for at least 25 years. Williams was expressionless and dressed in a somber dark suit. He kept his head down during the 40 minutes it took to read all the charges.

US, Cuban diplos met about jailed US man

HAVANA (AP)—Washington's top diplomat for the Americas had a rare face-to-face meeting with Cuba's foreign minister to discuss the fate of an American jailed in Cuba for nearly 11 months on suspicion of spying, the State Department said Monday. Assistant Secretary of State Arturo Valenzuela met Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez on Sept. 24 on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly in New York. The meeting is thought to be among the highest-level diplomatic encounters between the two Cold War enemies since President Obama took office in 2008. "The meeting was to encourage the release of Alan Gross," State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said. "Unfortunately, that has not yet happened."

Mexican authorities seize 105 tons of marijuana

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP)—Mexican security forces are announcing the seizure of 105 tons of marijuana. Army Gen. Alfonso Duarte Mujica says the pot was seized in 10,000 packages in the border city of Tijuana. He says 11 suspects have been arrested. Duarte Mujica spoke Monday at a news conference in the city across the border from San Diego, California. The bust far surpasses any marijuana seizure in Mexico of the past few years.

Campus Life

In this photo taken Oct. 13, 2010, Gabe Savage, second from left, walks across campus at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Mo. Savage is one of a handful of students participating in a two-year program at the school tailored to students with mental disabilities. AP

More intellectually disabled youths go to college

By HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WARRENSBURG, Mo. (AP)—Zach Neff is all high-fives as he walks through his college campus in western Missouri. The 27-year-old with Down syndrome hugs most everybody, repeatedly. He tells teachers he loves them.

"I told Zach we are putting him on a hug diet—one to say hello and one to say goodbye," said Joyce Downing, who helped start a new program at the University of Central Missouri that serves students with disabilities.

The hope is that polishing up on social skills, like cutting back on the hugs, living in residence halls and going to classes with non-disabled classmates will help students like Neff be more independent and get better jobs.

In years past, college life was largely off-limits for students with such disabilities, but that's no longer the case. Students with Down syndrome, autism and other conditions that can result in intellectual disabilities are leaving high school more academically prepared than ever and ready for the next step: college.

Eight years ago, disability advocates were able to find only four programs on university campuses that allowed students with intellectual disabilities to experience college life with extra help from mentors and tutors. As of last year, there were more than 250 spread across more than three dozen states and two Canadian provinces, said Debra Hart, head of Think College at the Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts Boston, which provides services to people with disabilities.

That growth is partly because of an increasing demand for higher education for these students and there are new federal funds for such programs.

The federal rules that took effect this fall allow students with intellectual disabilities to receive grants and work-study money. Because details on the rules are still being worked out, the earliest students could have the money is next year. Hart and others expect the funds to prompt the creation of even more programs.

"There is a whole generation of young people who have grown up under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, and to them it (college) is the logical next step," Hart said.

The college programs for these students vary. Generally the aim is to support the students as they take regular classes with non-disabled students. Professors sometimes are advised to modify the integrated classes by doing things like shifting away from a format that relies entirely on lectures and adding more projects in which students can work in groups.

One program in Idaho offers classes in drama, art and sign language. Students on other campuses can improve their computer skills or take child development classes.

Sometimes they're paired with non-disabled students and advocates say the educational coaches, mentors and tutors who help them often are studying to become special education teachers or social workers and learn from the experience too.

Disability advocates say only a small percentage of these students will receive degrees, but that the programs help them get better jobs.

Historically, adults with intellectual disabilities have been restricted primarily to jobs in fast food restaurants, cleaning or in so-called "sheltered workshops," where they work alongside other disabled people and often earn below-minimum wages, said Madeleine Will, vice president of the National Down Syndrome Society.

With additional training, Hart said participants can go on to do everything from being a librarian's assistants to data-entry work in an office.

Much remains to be learned about what type of program works best, but Hart said that will likely change.

Besides allowing for federal financial aid for these programs, Congress also has appropriated $10.56 million to develop 27 model projects to identify successful approaches.

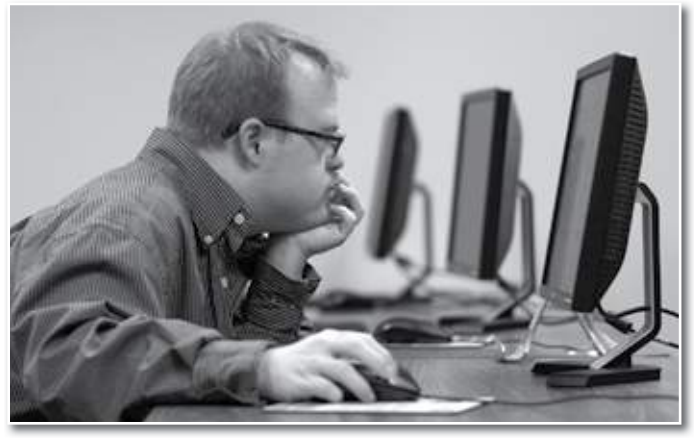
The infusion of federal money has generated some criticism. Conservative commentator Charlotte Allen said it's a waste to spend federal tax dollars on the programs and insisted that calling them college dilutes the meaning of college.

"It's a kind of fantasy," said Allen, a contributing editor for Minding the Campus, a publication of the fiscally conservative Manhattan Institute. "It may make intellectually disabled people feel better, but is that what college is supposed to be all about?"

Oftentimes students with these disabilities stop their formal education when they finish high school, which is usually around the age of 21. Some districts have a partnership with colleges under which the district pays for their 18- to 21-year-old students to take higher education classes. In other cases, college costs are paid for by the parents.

Their children previously haven't been eligible for grants and work study money because they generally weren't seeking a degree and wouldn't have been admitted to college through the typical process.

AP
In this photo taken Oct. 13, 2010, Gabe Savage works on a paper while taking a class at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Mo.



AP
In this photo taken Oct. 13, 2010, Gabe Savage works on a computer during a tech lab at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Mo.

These programs look "at higher education for what it's purpose in our community and our culture is—to provide opportunities for learning," said Meg Grigal, a researcher who works with Hart.

Back at the University of Central Missouri, Neff and another participant in the program for students with developmental issues, Gabe Savage, laugh with friends during lunch in their residence hall cafeteria.

Savage, a 26-year-old from Kansas City, is grateful for it all—new friends, the chance to try out for a school play, brush up on his computer skills and even take a bowling class with non-disabled students looking to earn a physical education credit.

"It's an answer to my prayer that I am here," he said. "I always wanted to do this."

Life & Style

Haridas Chakaborthy, a poojari or a Hindu priest, blesses a man by applying tika on his forehead during the Bijoya Dashami celebration last Oct. 17.

Members of the Hindu community pose for a photo inside the Hindu Temple in Chalan Kanoa.

A group performs traditional Bangladeshi music.

Hindu community concludes Sri Sri Durga Puja celebration

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Well wishes of Happy Bijoya Dashami filled the air as members of the CNMI Hindu Community concluded the Sri Sri Durga Puja 2010 celebration at the Hindu Temple in Chalan Kanoa on Oct. 18.

Women and young girls wearing colorful saris, a cultural program, and food distribution marked the culmination of the religious festival that honors Goddess Durga.

The Sri Sri Durga Puja is the biggest annual festival celebrated not only in different regions of India but also throughout the Hindu community around the world.

The festival celebration, which began in the CNMI last Oct. 14, is held every sixth lunar day of the calendar. The worship period takes five days.

Ranjit Barai, a member of the Hindu community, said the observance of Bijoya Dashami is more than just bringing the Puja season to an end.

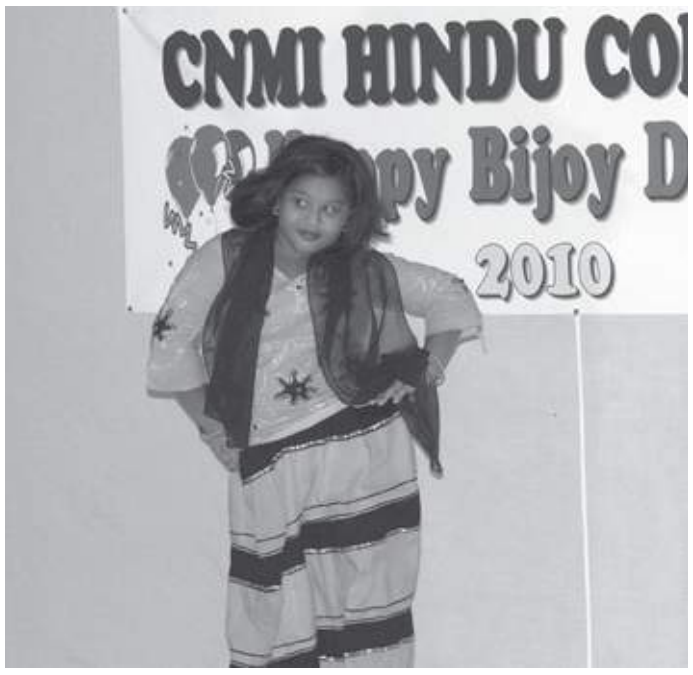
"It is, for the followers of the Hindu religion, a reassertion of faith, a re-strengthening of the belief that in the epic struggle between good and evil, good emerges ultimately triumphant," he said.

As he wished his fellow Hindus a Happy Bijoya Dashami, Barai said the end of the Puja is the beginning of a new journey both physically and spiritually.

United Workers Movement-NMI president Rabby Syed showed his support for the Hindu community by attending the celebration on behalf of the organization.

Syed said ethnic groups celebrate their individuality through occasions such as the Hindu festival.

"I hope that through the prayers for Goddess Durga, there will be prosperity and success for the Hindu Community here in the CNMI," said Syed.



Farzana Syed performs a dance number.

Sangeetha Katta, second left, and daughters Shalini and Jahnavi Katta pose with Rema Venugopal.

Members and guests of the Hindu community partake in the feast during the Bijoya Dashami celebration last Sunday.

A member of the Hindu community performs the empty plate dance called Dupa Dance.

Syed Sisters: From left, Roma, Farzana, and Chad Syed.

CNMI Hindu Community acting president Sandeep Rai.

CNMI Hindu Community general secretary Bimal Sutradhar.

Lawyer: Octuplets' mom implanted with 12 embryos

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Nadya Suleman's fertility doctor implanted a dozen embryos in the pregnancy that gave her octuplets, a state attorney said Monday, a number that another doctor said was unheard of and surpasses Suleman's assertion that only six embryos were implanted.

Dr. Michael Kamrava's action endangered the mother and violated national standards of care, Deputy Attorney General Judith Alvarado said at the Medical Board of California's hearing to consider revoking or suspending the Beverly Hills physician's license.

Kamrava "knew that a 12-embryo transfer was unsafe," Alvarado said in her opening statement. National guidelines issued by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine specify no more than two embryos are to be used in in vitro treatments for a healthy woman under 35. Suleman was 33 at the time of her last treatment.

Year after year, Suleman, now 35, was implanted with too many embryos in her unabated attempts to become pregnant, said Alvarado. For the pregnancies prior to her octuplets, she was implanted with between four and seven embryos.

Dr. Victor Y. Fujimoto, an expert witness for the medical board and director of the University of California San Francisco In Vitro Fertilization Program, testified Monday that 12 embryos, or blastocysts, being transferred into a uterus is unheard of.

"I cannot imagine any colleague of mine transferring that many embryos," said Fujimoto, adding he had never transferred that many himself.

High-order multiple births can result in long-term developmental delays, cerebral palsy and various life-threatening ailments.

There are no hard-and-fast rules, but fertility specialists have criticized Kamrava's methods, saying he endangered Suleman's health and the long-term health of the babies. Suleman's babies, born nine weeks premature in January 2009, are the world's longest-surviving set of octuplets.

Suleman, a divorced single mother of 14, has said Kamrava implanted her with six embryos for each of her six pregnancies and two of them split when she had octuplets.

Fujimoto said Suleman, identified as "N.S." by the medical board, actually requested 12 blastocysts to be transferred into her, but it's the physician's job to make a decision not to transfer embryos, even when a patient insists.

Fujimoto said Kamrava also made an "extreme departure from standard of care" by failing to refer Suleman for a mental health evaluation after she said she wanted twins shortly after delivering her second child.

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Fertility specialist Dr. Michael Kamrava prepares for a hearing before the California Board of Medical Examiners on possible suspension or revocation of his medical license, in Los Angeles Monday, Oct. 18, 2010.

"For me it raises a huge red flag," Fujimoto said. "It's a very unique request for twins after having just had a second child."

Typically, expenses, health concerns or other factors preclude parents who are struggling to conceive from having more than one or two successful in vitro treatments.

Records obtained by The Associated Press show that before 2001, Suleman was treated with Celexa and Sonata for depression and sleeplessness, and Clonopin for anxiety.

During cross-examination, Kamrava's lawyer, Henry Fenton, noted that in vitro fertilization is expensive, and asked Fujimoto what a doctor should do if a patient insisted on having a higher number of embryos implanted to better her chances of becoming pregnant.

Fujimoto said that wouldn't be advisable "because any transfer, on any given day, can result in full implantation of all those embryos," and result in a dangerous multiple birth.

Monday's testimony also called into question claims Suleman has made in past interviews that she underwent the in vitro treatment that led to the octuplets because she didn't want her frozen embryos to go to waste. Fujimoto testified that she never used frozen embryos and has 29 frozen embryos available.

Before the octuplets' birth, the unemployed Suleman and her six children lived with her mother, relying on food stamps, school loans and disability payments for her two autistic children to get by.

More recently, Suleman has tried to use her notoriety for income through the tabloid media, but she struggles to pay rent and is facing a $450,000 balloon payment on her La Habra home.

Unlike Suleman, Kamrava has kept a low profile and declined repeated requests for interview from The Associated Press. In July, he made a rare appearance in an ABC "Nightline" interview, defending his treatment of Suleman by saying it was "done the right way."

Though other doctors in the field say they're not impressed with it, Kamrava has long touted a method of in vitro fertilization that implants an embryo—or sometimes sperm with an unfertilized egg—directly into the uterine lining.

Kamrava suffered a blow to his prestige last year when he was kicked out of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, which does not have authority to prevent him from practicing medicine.

The board's accusation says Kamrava was also negligent in his treatment of two other patients.

He is accused of implanting seven embryos in a 48-year-old patient, resulting in quadruplets, but one fetus died before birth.

Fujimoto called the number of blastocysts implanted "an extreme departure" from standards of care.

In another case, Fujimoto said that Kamrava went ahead with in vitro fertilization instead of referring his patient with a history of cancer to a specialist after tests detected atypical cells, which can indicate presence of a tumor.

The patient was later diagnosed with stage-three cancer by another doctor and had to undergo removal of her uterus and ovaries before undergoing chemotherapy.

Obama: Future depends on science, math education

WASHINGTON (AP)—A device to discourage texting while driving. A self-powered hydroelectric water purification device. A test of whether foam really is the best material to pad the inside of a safety helmet.

These projects weren't put together by some of the country's best scientists, but were assembled by up-and-comers who won a range of science, technology, engineering and math competitions. They brought their projects to a science fair at the White House on Monday.

President Barack Obama reveled in it. He spent nearly an hour viewing 11 science projects on display in the State Dining Room, ranging from cancer therapies to solar-power cars, water purification systems and robotic wheelchairs. And he intensely questioned the presenters.

"It's hard to describe just how impressive these young people are," Obama, who is emphasizing math and science education, said afterward at a reception. Their work "is a testament to the potential that awaits when we inspire young people to take part in the scientific enterprise."

Obama, who shows a personal fascination with science, said these victories often go unnoticed.

"You know, when you win first place at a science fair, nobody's rushing the field or dumping Gatorade over your head," said Obama, who has welcomed many championship professional and college athletic teams to the White House.

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President Barack Obama talks to Tristan Evarts, second from left, of Londonderry, N.H., and pretends to be eating while using a steering wheel to detect distracted driving during a display of science projects in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington, Monday, Oct. 18, 2010.

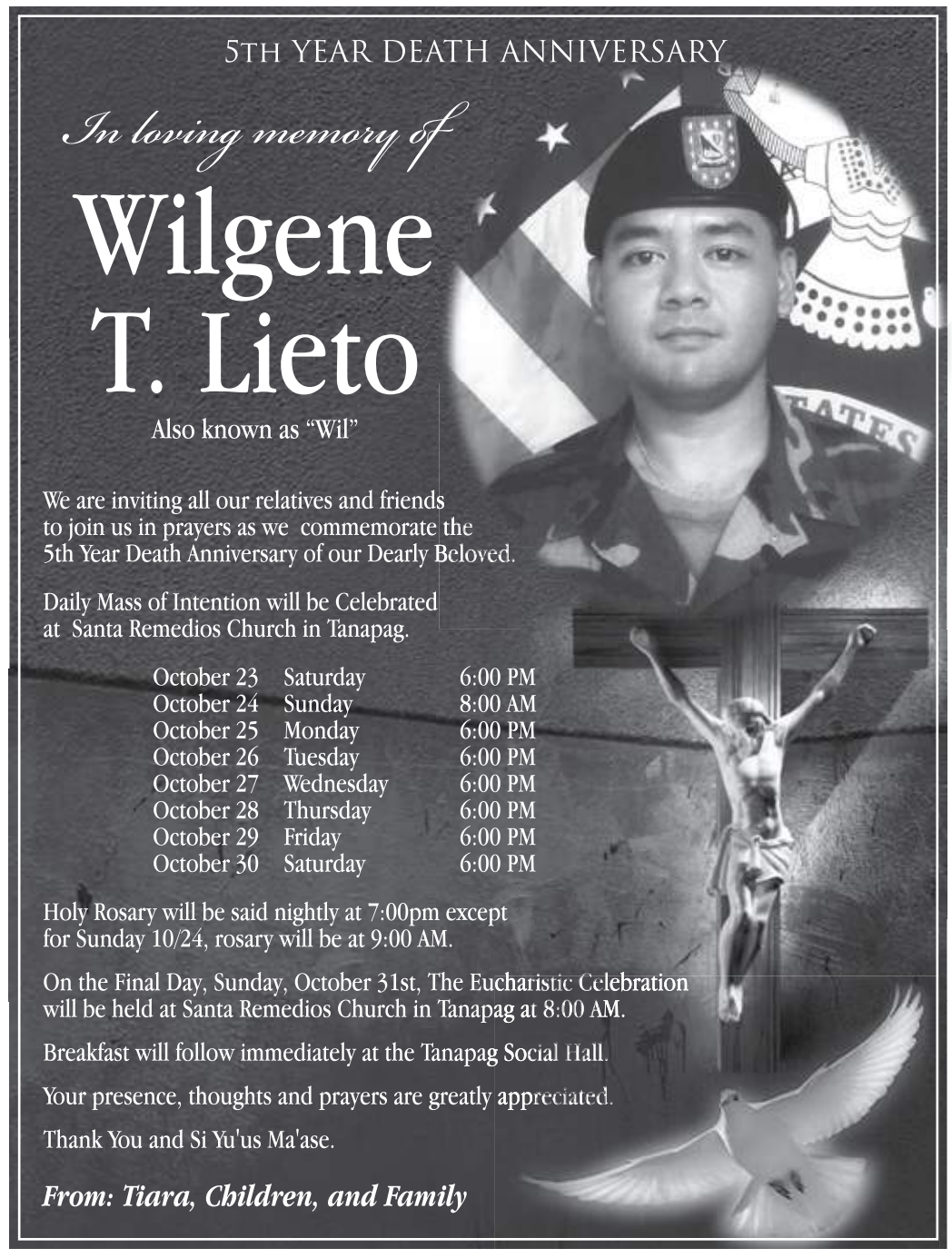
"But in many ways, our future depends on what happens in those contests, what happens when a young person is engaged in conducting an experiment or writing a piece of software or solving a hard math problem or designing a new gadget," he said.

Obama said the U.S. is being outpaced by other countries and he wants American students to move from the middle to the top in science and math over the decade.

He also announced his appearance in an episode of "Mythbusters," a Discovery Channel program that uses science to uncover the truth behind urban legends. Obama has already taped his appearance and the episode is scheduled to air Dec. 8. Discovery said that episode will consider whether Greek scientist Archimedes set fire to an invading Roman fleet using only mirrors and the reflected rays of the sun.

Now about those helmets.

Three boys from Los Angeles explained their testing method to Obama and said they concluded that foam isn't the best material to protect the head in a bike or other safety helmet. A gel liner is best, they said, but it's also more expensive.


5TH YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In loving memory of
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T. Lieto
Also known as "Wil"
We are inviting all our relatives and friends
to join us in prayers as we commemorate the
5th Year Death Anniversary of our Dearly Beloved.
Daily Mass of Intention will be Celebrated
at Santa Remedios Church in Tanapag.
October 23 Saturday 6:00 PM
October 24 Sunday 8:00 AM
October 25 Monday 6:00 PM
October 26 Tuesday 6:00 PM
October 27 Wednesday 6:00 PM
October 28 Thursday 6:00 PM
October 29 Friday 6:00 PM
October 30 Saturday 6:00 PM
Holy Rosary will be said nightly at 7:00pm except
for Sunday 10/24, rosary will be at 9:00 AM.
On the Final Day, Sunday, October 31st, The Eucharistic Celebration
will be held at Santa Remedios Church in Tanapag at 8:00 AM.
Breakfast will follow immediately at the Tanapag Social Hall.
Your presence, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.
Thank You and Si Yu'us Ma'ase.
From: Tiara, Children, and Family

Retooled Elvis album marks a new take on the King

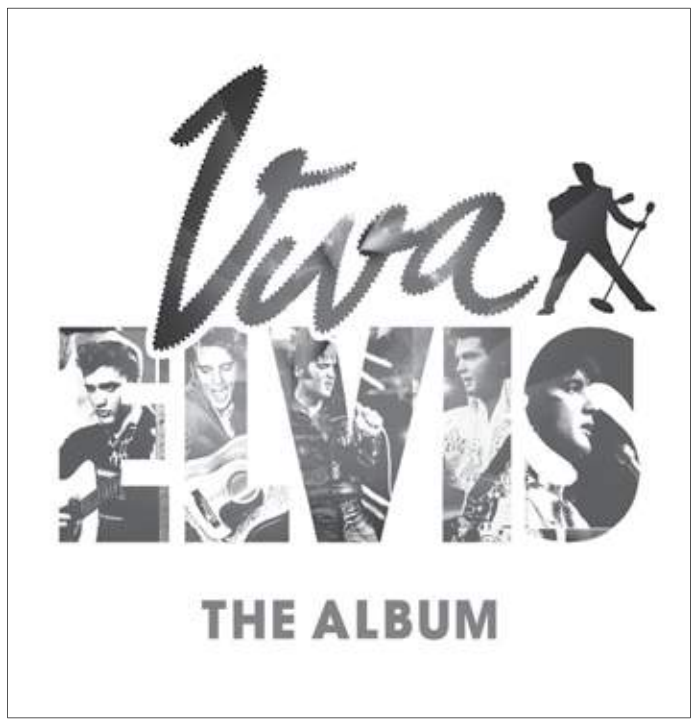
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—A re-styled version of the Elvis Presley hit "Suspicious Minds" hit radio stations on Monday, part of an album being released later this year featuring newer, more contemporary takes on many of his hits.

"Suspicious Minds" is the first single off "Viva Elvis-The Album," set for mass release Nov. 9. The 12-track compilation is a companion piece to the Las Vegas show "Viva Elvis" by Cirque du Soleil, which began in February.

The new "Suspicious Minds" and the other re-worked songs on the album could strike a dissonant chord with Elvis' older fans. But the minds behind the new album said the new tracks won't lose the qualities that made them hits in the 1950s and '60s.

"I can understand why the purist may be cautious and hesitant, but the new album is a unique way to bring Elvis' music to a whole new younger audience," said Tom Cording, vice president of media relations for Legacy Recordings, Sony Music Entertainment's catalog division.

The Elvis machine is relying on fans who never saw him in person to keep revenue pouring in. Last year, Elvis generated more than $60 million in revenue from royalties, licensing and Graceland's operations, according to Securities and Exchange Commission filings by CKx Inc., which owns Elvis Presley Enterprises.



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An undated image provided by Sony/Legacy shows cover art for "Viva Elvis-The Album," which features re-styled versions of classics like "Blue Suede Shoes," "That's All Right," and "Suspicious Minds." "Suspicious Minds" is set to hit radio stations Monday, Oct. 18, 2010 and the album is set for mass release on Nov. 9.

Erich van Tourneau produced and arranged the new songs, fusing thousands of samples of Elvis' music and voice with more modern styles like punk, garage rock and hip-hop. Other tracks feature voice-overs and sound effects.

For instance, "Suspicious Minds" opens with Elvis' soulful, echoing voice and prominent piano notes, then shifts into a guitar introduction that evokes memories of U2's classic anthem "Bad." The song has a strong drum and guitar component without losing the sing-along quality of the original.

Other songs on the new album include "King Creole," "Burning Love," and "Love Me Tender," many sounding like they were released after Elvis died in August 1977. The danceable and energetic "Blue Suede Shoes" has elements of Kenny Loggins' 1984 hit "Footloose," and it features a blues harmonica and rhythmic, clapping backbeat.

"That's All Right," meanwhile, possesses the more frenetic style of Jet's 2003 rock 'n' roll anthem "Are You Gonna Be My Girl."

"Heartbreak Hotel" has traditional blues elements while incorporating rock guitar and a solid contribution from the horn section.

And Elvis sounds fine on "Love Me Tender," but female singer Dea Norberg's presence seems out of place. Still, Elvis' talents and the original material are the foundation for the new releases, even if some of them seem overwrought or overproduced.

The album's reception seems to be mixed. For instance, Miami oldies station WMXJ-FM plans to play the new version of "Suspicious Minds."

"That still has great legs," WMXJ program director Bill Stedman said of the song. "It wasn't an accident that they chose it as their first release."

But Jerry Dean, operations manager for Entercom Memphis' five radio stations, said he probably won't play it. Elvis—a native of Tupelo, Miss.—lived in Memphis and is still the city's most well-known figure.

"Elvis is so beloved that when you start changing his original music, then the die-hard fans don't like it," Dean said. "Some things just shouldn't be remade."

'Jackass 3D' leaps to No.1 debut with $50M

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Jackass 3D" led the weekend box office with a $50 million debut, the biggest opening yet for the comedy franchise built on crazy stunts and antics.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Hollywood.com are:

1. ***"Jackass 3D,"*** Paramount, $50,353,641, 3,081 locations, $16,343 average, $50,353,641, one week.
2. ***"Red,"*** Summit, $21,761,408, 3,255 locations, $6,686 average, $21,761,408, one week.
3. ***"The Social Network,"*** Sony , $10,317,395, 2,868 locations, $3,597 average, $62,436,364, three weeks.
4. ***"Secretariat,"*** Disney, $9,318,886, 3,072 locations, $3,033 average, $27,332,941, two weeks.
5. ***"Life As We Know It,"*** Warner Bros., $8,955,409, 3,150 locations, $2,843 average, $28,620,147, two weeks.
6. ***"Legend of the Guardians: the Owls of Ga'hoole,"*** Warner Bros., $4,228,236, 2,502 locations, $1,690 average, $45,994,776, four weeks.
7. ***"The Town,"*** Warner Bros., $3,977,006, 2,368 locations, $1,679 average, $80,510,629, five weeks.
8. ***"My Soul to Take (3-D),"*** Universal, $3,170,310, 2,529 locations, $1,254 average, $11,915,595, two weeks.
9. ***"Easy A,"*** Sony/Screen Gems, $2,633,456, 2,314 locations, $1,138 average, $52,317,481, five weeks.
10. ***"Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps,"*** Fox, $2,363,166, 2,045 locations, $1,156 average, $47,894,896, four weeks.
11. ***"It's Kind of a Funny Story,"*** Focus, $1,223,455, 757 locations, $1,616 average, $4,005,161, two weeks.
12. ***"You Again,"*** Disney, $1,215,987, 1,588 locations, $766 average, $22,982,000, four weeks.
13. ***"Case 39,"*** Paramount, $1,206,817, 1,406 locations, $858 average, $11,924,115, three weeks.
14. ***"N-Secure,"*** Freestyle Releasing, $1,166,406, 486 locations, $2,400 average, $1,166,406, one week.
15. ***"Devil,"*** Universal, $976,005, 891 locations, $1,095 average, $31,577,470, five weeks.
16. ***"Let Me In,"*** Overture, $830,676, 1,211 locations, $686 average, $11,046,691, three weeks.
17. ***"Alpha and Omega (3-D Animated),"*** Lionsgate, $823,085, 969 locations, $849 average, $22,567,621, five weeks.
18. ***"Waiting For Superman,"*** Paramount, $742,725, 182 locations, $4,081 average, $2,523,075, four weeks.
19. ***"Toy Story 3,"*** Disney, $534,680, 350 locations, $1,528 average, $412,844,168, 18 weeks.
20. ***"Nowhere Boy,"*** Weinstein Co., $353,259, 215 locations, $1,643 average, $424,000, two weeks.

Fox, Cablevision dispute stretches into third day

NEW YORK (AP)—The dispute between Fox and Cablevision that left 3 million cable subscribers in the New York area without Fox programming over the weekend has stretched into its third day.

Fox, owned by owned by News Corp., and Cablevision Systems Corp. said talks Monday morning did not bring a new agreement on how much Cablevision will pay to carry the network.

The dispute has led to the highest-profile blackout over broadcast fees in years, leaving Cablevision subscribers without access to Sunday's New York Giants game. And with the next round of talks planned for Tuesday, fans of "House," the medical drama that's among Fox's highest-rated shows, will likely miss the latest episode Monday night.

This type of fight has become more common. Broadcasters want more money from cable and satellite providers so they don't have to rely as much on advertising, which, as the recession illustrated, can be a volatile source of income.

Cablevision and other subscription TV providers have resisted paying higher fees.

The blackouts that sometimes result have started to draw attention from lawmakers and consumer advocates.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., who chairs the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, pledged to introduce legislation intended to prevent broadcasters from pulling a signal when a retransmission agreement expires without a new one to take its place.

New Jersey's U.S. senators, Frank R. Lautenberg and Robert Menendez, sent a letter to Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski calling on the FCC to help speed negotiations.

"We are deeply troubled that consumers are repeatedly being used as pawns in these programming disputes," they said.

Fox and Cablevision also traded recriminations.

Cablevision spokesman Charles Schueler again called for binding arbitration to settle the dispute, a step Fox has resisted.

"When broadcasters like News Corp. remove their signals, they hurt viewers in an attempt to gain business leverage," Schueler said in a statement.

Fox accused Cablevision of demanding "preferential treatment" and rejecting "the same fair terms that have been accepted by other providers in the market."

Levi Johnston wants to be mayor; has no platform

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—Levi Johnston says there are really no qualifications to hold the job that Sarah Palin once held—that of mayor of Wasilla, Alaska.

Johnston, the father of Palin's grandson, was grilled on "The View" Monday about his mayoral ambitions.

In August, Johnston's manager confirmed Johnston's plans to run for the office as part of a reality TV show and insisted he was serious about it.

Johnston said the only real qualification is to live in the city limits for a year before the election. He believes he's as qualified as any other candidate, saying he believes it's important to listen to the people and their concerns.

Johnston said he has no platform, which drew groans from the round-table.

NBC gives full-season pickup to 'Event,' 2 others

LOS ANGELES (AP)—NBC is giving three freshmen series, including "The Event," a full-season pickup.

Besides the much-hyped thriller "The Event," the network gave a vote of confidence Monday to "Law & Order: Los Angeles" and the sitcom "Outsourced."

None of the series has posted stellar ratings in a season in which new shows have struggled to attract viewers.

But NBC noted that "The Event" and the Los Angeles-set "Law & Order" have improved ratings in their time slots, while "Outsourced" is doing well with advertiser-favored young adult viewers. The network finished fourth last season.

NBC's "The Event" airs 9 p.m. EDT Monday, "Law & Order: Los Angeles" is on 10 p.m. EDT Wednesday, and "Outsourced" airs Thursday at 9:30 p.m. EDT.

In this July 30, 2010 file photo, Jason Ritter, a cast member in "The Event," takes part in a panel discussion on the show at the NBC Universal Television Critics Association summer press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif. AP

Minn. rapper Eyedea dies in sleep at age 28

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—A Minnesota rapper who performed under the name Eyedea has died of unknown reasons at age 28.

Kathy Averill told The Associated Press that her son, Michael Larsen, died in his sleep at home in St. Paul on Saturday. She says she's awaiting autopsy results.

Larsen and childhood friend Max Keltgen recorded three albums as Eyedea and Abilities on Minneapolis hip hop group Atmosphere's label, Rhymesayers Entertainment. Eyedea and Abilities performed with the group in the late 1990s.

Averill says her son reached people through his music and poetry.

Hathaway says ex's arrest taught her to be wary

NEW YORK (AP)—Anne Hathaway is now at a point where she can joke about her former boyfriend admitting he was a con artist.

The 27-year-old actress opens up about the ordeal in the November issue of Vogue magazine.

Asked to name her "deal-breakers" with men, Hathaway replied, "Uh ... fraud?" and laughs.

Raffaello Follieri pleaded guilty to cheating investors out of millions of dollars by falsely claiming he had Vatican connections that enabled him to buy church property at a discount. He was sentenced to 4 1/2 years in prison in 2008.

Jewelry that Follieri gave Hathaway was recently auctioned off by U.S. marshals.

All joking aside, the actress admits the relationship took its toll.

The experience taught her to be "more wary," she said. "It takes a minute for me to let my guard down, but once I do and I get to know someone, I'm very open, very trusting. Some might say too trusting."

Shooting the movie "Love and Other Drugs" opposite Jake Gyllenhaal helped Hathaway move forward, she said. Trust is a theme of the film, and it forced Hathaway to confront the issue.

"I was a wreck from start to finish," Hathaway told Vogue. "I think I cried every single day."

The Oscar-nominated actress is dating actor Adam Shulman.

"Love and Other Drugs" opens Nov. 24.

In this publicity image released by Vogue, actress Anne Hathaway is shown on the November 2010 issue of "Vogue" magazine.

AP

Rep: Celine Dion hospitalized as precaution

NEW YORK (AP)—Celine Dion has been admitted to a Florida hospital to prevent the early delivery of her twins.

The superstar singer is at St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Fla. The hospital said in a statement the admission was recommended to make sure she's near her doctors leading up to the babies' birth. Her rep said she is due to deliver the twins early next month.

Dion announced earlier this year that she's pregnant with two boys. She had tried for years to have more children. She and her husband, Rene Angelil, are the parents of a 9-year-old son, Rene Charles.

In this Feb. 16, 2010 file photo, Celine Dion, left, poses with her husband Rene Angelil, pose as they arrive for the premiere of the film "Celine: Through the Eyes of the World" in Miami Beach, Fla.

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In this March 7, 2010 photo, Ed Asner arrives at the 82nd Academy Awards in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

TV veteran Asner returning with a sitcom on CMT

NEW YORK (AP)—Television veteran Ed Asner is coming back to series TV with the first scripted sitcom for CMT.

On the new show, "Working Class," Asner will co-star as the crusty but lovable neighbor to the blue-collar single mom played by series star Melissa Peterman.

The network announced Monday that the 12-episode multi-camera comedy will premiere in January on CMT.

Asner, who turns 81 next month, is beloved for his signature role as cranky journalist Lou Grant. His return to TV follows recent successes for two fellow cast-mates from the legendary "Mary Tyler Moore Show": Betty White on TV Land's "Hot in Cleveland" and Cloris Leachman on Fox's "Raising Hope."

Peterman previously appeared on the sitcom "Reba" and hosts CMT's "The Singing Bee."

Quaid a no-show for felony vandalism case

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)—A judge issued arrest warrants Monday for Randy Quaid and his wife after they failed to show up at a court hearing stemming from their arrests last month on suspicion of illegally squatting at a home, a prosecutor said.

Santa Barbara Senior Deputy District Attorney Lee Carter said the $50,000 warrants were issued after the couple failed to appear for an arraignment Monday on a felony vandalism charge. Carter said the couple may turn themselves in sooner, but their case will be called again on Oct. 26.

Randy and Evi Quaid each face a felony vandalism charge. Deputies arrested the couple last month on suspicion that they were living in the guest house of a Montecito home they previously owned. Authorities said at the time the Quaids were suspected of causing more than $5,000 in damage.

Their attorney on a previous criminal case, Robert Sanger, did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment.

The Quaids frequently missed court appearances in an earlier case involving charges they defrauded an innkeeper. That case was resolved in April with Evi Quaid pleading no contest to a misdemeanor count. The charges against her husband were dropped.

AP

In these Sept. 18, 2010 file images originally provided by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, actor Randy Quaid and his wife Evi Quaid, are shown after their Saturday Sept. 18, 2010 arrest on charges of felony residential burglary and entering a non-commercial building without consent.

Hookup with friend's husband leaves woman full of guilt

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I lived with my best friend and her husband for a few months after moving to a new state. They recently went through a rough patch and she took a vacation to cool off. In her absence, and under the influence of a great deal of alcohol, her husband and I slept together. We decided it happened only because we were drunk and decided never to speak of it again.

The problem is—it happened again, this time with almost no alcohol involved at all!

I'm reluctant to tell my friend about our trysts. I think telling her will do more harm than good. On the other hand, the guilt eats at me every day to the point that I cry over what I've done to her. Her husband doesn't want to tell her, ever. What should I do?

TO TELL OR NOT TO TELL

DEAR TT OR NOT TT: Own your guilt. You've earned it. And confess your sin to your religious adviser. But if you feel that telling your friend will do more harm than good, remain silent.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband of 20 years is kind, loving and well-respected. He is one of the greatest guys you would ever meet. We have a great marriage, rarely fight and have many things in common. My problem? When he speaks, he frequently says "youse guys," and it drives me insane.

I have a brother-in-law who uses "I seen" instead of "I saw," and I know it drives my sister crazy. How do we broach the subject with our hubbies without hurting their feelings, making them feel inadequate or angering them? I am not going to correct my husband in public, but when he says "youse guys" around our friends, I cringe. Help!

LANGUAGE POLICE IN WISCONSIN

DEAR LANGUAGE POLICE: I'm surprised that after 20 years of marriage you would only now be asking for advice on how to persuade your husband to use proper English. My advice is to tell him you love him and ask if he would like you to help him lose the "youse." If he agrees, start reminding him when he forgets. But if he says no, leave it alone and concentrate on his many virtues. In the scheme of things, isn't his one flaw rather insignificant?

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DEAR ABBY: I recently sent an expensive flower arrangement to a dear friend in the hospital to let her know how much she means to me.

When I went to visit, the flowers were not in her room. When I asked about them, she said she had given them to her nurse to display at the nurses' station. I'm assuming the gesture was to show her appreciation for the service they have given her.

I am disappointed and hurt because they were meant to bring her some joy. I understand that when you give someone a present the person has every right to do whatever he or she wants with it, but I wish she would have waited until she was discharged to give the flowers away. Am I wrong to feel hurt?

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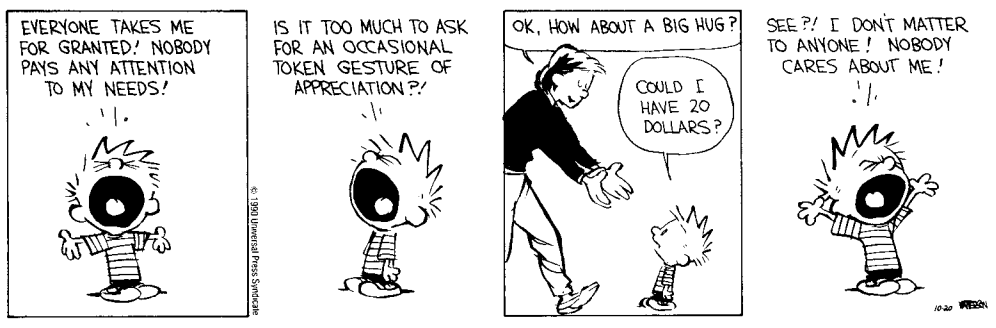
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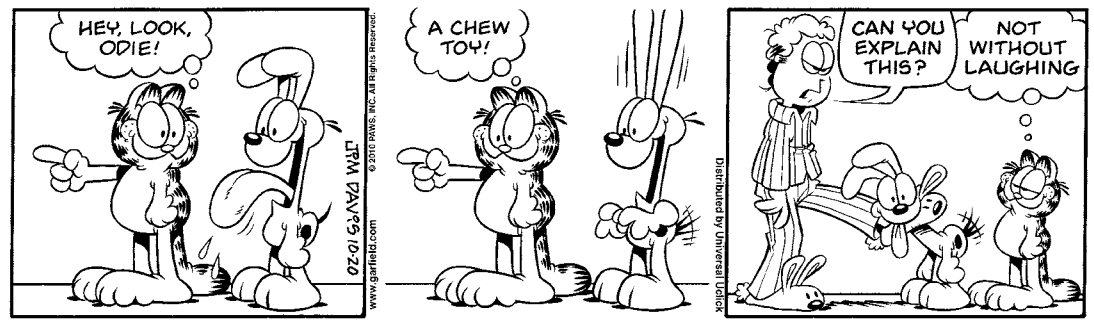

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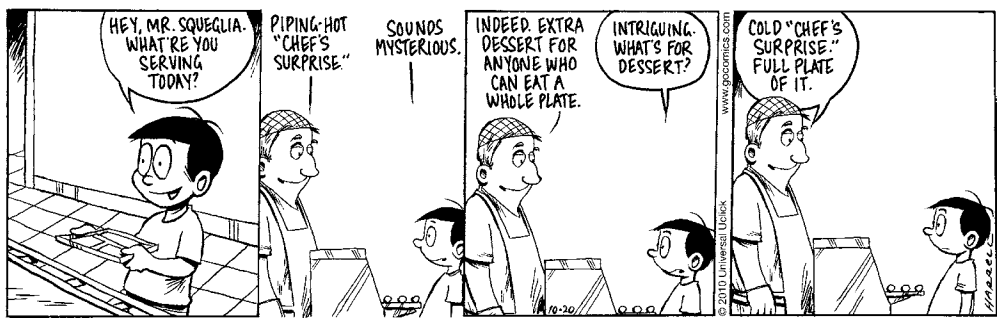
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ACROSS

1 Mid-June honoree
4 Mid-May honoree
7 Took the trolley
8 Was concerned
10 Hawk-eye
11 Sports venues
13 1- and 4-Across, usually
16 Snoop
17 All but one in a million?
18 Favorite
19 Take out of context?
20 Entreaty
21 Prudent
23 Armada
25 PBS science show
26 Tea time, perhaps
27 Lawyers' org.
28 Throw
30 Winter ailment
33 13-Across, initially
36 Graduates
37 Man of morals?
38 Hits hard
39 Heart of the matter
40 Before
41 Away from WSW

DOWN

1 Bride's bounty
2 Hebrew month
3 Inhabitant
4 — Polo
5 Sandwich treats
6 Carte
7 Bellow
8 Band of fighters
9 Spotted horse
10 Mischief-maker
12 Winter forecast
14 Slithery
15 Greek vowel
19 Modern-day evidence
20 Apiece
21 Deadly snake
22 Makes use (of)
23 Loving
24 Suitcases
25 Apprehend
26 The end
28 Leg bone
29 "Blue Sky" Oscar winner Jessica
30 "Cabaret" director Bob
31 Swag
32 Ref
34 "Psych" actor Hill
35 Check

Solution time: 21 mins.

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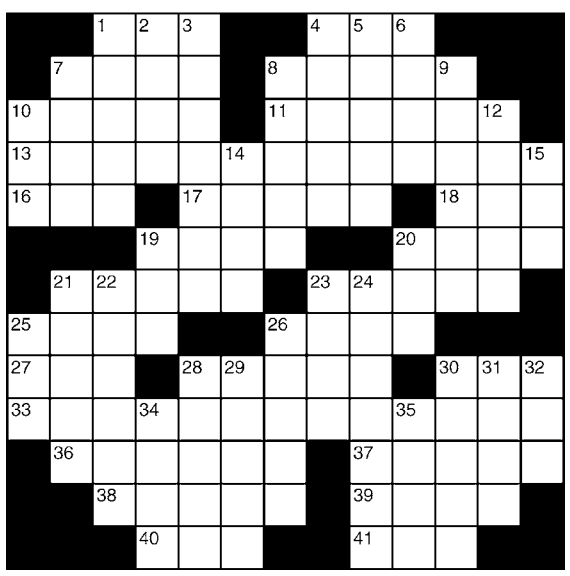

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): You may be feeling down but that is no reason to take your frustration out on someone else. Immerse yourself in a project and you will ease the stress you are undergoing. Productivity and patience are the cures to what ails you. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Problems while traveling can be expected, so leave plenty of time to avoid being late. Keep things simple, even if everyone around you is trying to complicate matters. Love is on the rise. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Two wrongdoings will not wipe each other out. Think before you give the wrong impression. Stability and security should be what you are striving to maintain, not chaos and inevitable change and consequences. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You know what's best for you, so stop hesitating and start making things happen. Love is on the rise, so get out and socialize. Take advantage of any chance you get to make self-improvements. Your efforts will not go unnoticed. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Changing your geographical location will give you a different perspective on life and how you should proceed. Not everyone will be in favor of the choices you make but you have to do what's best for yourself. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Make whatever changes are required to get into a positive position, conducive to reaching your goals. Don't be afraid to put pressure on someone who owes you or has the potential to help you out. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Stifled emotions and resentment are likely to crop up in conversations. Someone you consider to be an authority figure will cause you grief. Keep a low profile and avoid reactions that will tie up your time and cause you emotional stress. ✪✪

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an order issued by the Court in this matter on October 31, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 034 L 129, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 257 square meters, more or less, as more particularly, described in the Subdivision of Lot 034 L 63, on DLS Check No. 034 L 21 recorded in the Commonwealth Recorder's Office as File No. 97-1299; and Lot 034 L 130, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 257 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described in the Subdivision of Lot 034 L 63, on DLS Check No. 34 L 21, recorded in the Commonwealth Recorder's Office as File No. 97-1299.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to an Amended Writ of Execution approved by Court Order in this matter on October 14, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the following real property:

Parcel of land known as Lot No. 355 R 07, which contains an area of 4,129 square meters, more or less, and located in Rota, CNMI

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Lee fans 13 as Rangers top Yankees, 8-0

NEW YORK (AP)—Cliff Lee stumbled as he stepped up to his seat at the postgame podium.

"Booby trap right here," he said with a grin.

That was about his only slip-up all night.

The ace of October went through the New York Yankees like a buzzsaw again, striking out 13 and pitching the Texas Rangers to an 8-0 victory Monday for a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven AL championship series.

Josh Hamilton hit an early two-run homer off Andy Pettitte and started a six-run outburst in the ninth with a leadoff double. Lee allowed only two singles in eight innings and became the first pitcher to reach double digits in strikeouts three times in one postseason.

"I'm not satisfied with that," he said. "We still have some work to do here. A lot of fun to come into New York and get this first one. Hopefully we can come out here tomorrow and pick up where we left off."

It'll be a tough act to follow for Texas—Lee and the Rangers handed the Yankees the most lopsided shutout loss in their storied postseason history.

Mr. Automatic improved to 7-0 with a 1.26 ERA in eight postseason starts. Three of those wins have come against the power-packed Yankees, including two in last year's World Series for Philadelphia.

New York won the other four games against the Phillies to take home its 27th championship, but now faces a tall task to repeat. The Yankees must win three straight against the resilient Rangers to advance without facing Lee in a decisive Game 7 at Texas.

Game 4 is Tuesday night and the Yankees will start struggling right-hander A.J. Burnett, who hasn't pitched since Oct. 2. Tommy Hunter goes for Texas in his first career start at Yankee Stadium.

"I don't think we're in trouble," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "We're down 2-1, we're not down 3-0. It's frustrating we've lost two games in a row, but we've lost two games in a row a lot of times before and come back."

Pettitte, the ol' pro seeking his 20th postseason win, did his best to match Lee. But the longtime New York left-hander hung a first-inning cutter that Hamilton yanked over the short porch in right for his second homer of the series.

"It was just a bad pitch by me," Pettitte said. "At the time, you don't think that's going to win the ballgame."

Lee matched a career high for strikeouts and Texas broke it open in the ninth against an ineffective David Robertson, getting RBI singles from Nelson Cruz and Bengie Molina, plus a two-run single by Mitch Moreland.

Rangers closer Neftali Feliz flung his 100 mph fastball in the ninth and finished the two-hitter in front of a nearly empty ballpark, adding two strikeouts to increase Texas' total to 15—one shy of a postseason record for Yankees batters.

New York's two hits matched a postseason low also set in Game 4 of the 1958 World Series and Game 3 of the 2001 division series.

Lee nearly landed with the Yankees before Seattle traded him to Texas on July 9. Maybe they should have offered a few of their many All-Stars—Lee doesn't seem to need much help.

New York could try again by throwing money at him in the offseason, when the lefty can become a free agent.

Michael Young had three hits for the Rangers, who are 4-0 on the road in these playoffs. Texas won all three games at Tampa Bay in the first round, including a pair of masterful performances by Lee.

"Yeah, they're comparable. I felt good every time," he said.

Texas Rangers' Cliff Lee pitches against the New York Yankees in the first inning of Game 3 of baseball's American League Championship Series Monday, Oct. 18, 2010, in New York.

AP

Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez and the Yankees fared no better. Cutters, curves, sliders—they couldn't touch Lee, who pumps in one strike after another like a robot programmed to do so.

"He's not just firing the ball down the middle of the plate. He's throwing quality strike after quality strike and there really is a big difference," Young said.

Lee was so dominant, New York hitters were left shaking their heads in the dugout or questioning calls by plate umpire Jim Reynolds.

Robinson Cano showed bunt, Brett Gardner tried another headfirst dive into first base. None of it worked.

Gardner singled leading off the sixth and stole second, but Lee never rattled. He struck out Jeter for the second time, then induced routine grounders from Nick Swisher and Mark Teixeira, who is 0 for 11 in the series.

Lee has been spectacular in the postseason, striking out 67 and walking only seven in 64 1-3 innings. Even after throwing a season-high 122 pitches, he was going to pitch the ninth until Texas broke it open.

"He was coming back out," manager Ron Washington said. "We were going to ride him."

Lee retired his first 11 batters Monday night, striking out seven, before missing high with a full-count fastball to Teixeira. It was the left-hander's first walk in 19 2-3 innings this postseason, drawing a loud roar and a standing ovation from some in the sellout crowd of 49,840.

Rodriguez drove the next pitch to deep left-center, but Cruz reached down for a running catch that ended the fourth.

Jorge Posada fisted an opposite-field single into shallow right with two outs in the fifth for New York's first hit.

Young singled on the ninth pitch of his at-bat in the first inning and then Pettitte hung a 2-1 pitch to Hamilton in the middle of the plate. The slugger was a bit off balance on his front foot, but strong enough to pull the pitch about 330 feet to right field, clearing the inviting porch at Yankee Stadium.

"Josh hitting that homer in the first made things a lot easier, that's for sure," Lee said.

Fellow lefty CC Sabathia made a similar mistake on a slider to Hamilton in the first inning of the series opener and he lined it to right for a three-run homer. Hamilton also drew four walks in Game 2, two of them intentional.

Pettitte set down 15 of 16 after the home run, with the only blemish coming on Young's two-out infield single in the third. He threw 61 pitches through the first three innings, 17 to Young in his first two at-bats.

Pettitte, who owns postseason records for wins, innings and starts (42), allowed five hits in seven innings. He struck out five and didn't walk a batter.

A top contender for AL MVP, Hamilton barely missed another two-run shot when his sixth-inning drive was caught at the right-field fence.

Gardner hit a bouncer to first in the third and tried to beat the play with a headfirst dive - nearly an exact replica of his infield single that sparked New York's late comeback in Game 1.

This time, Lee was quick to cover and Gardner appeared to miss the bag with his hand, perhaps pulling it away to make sure he wasn't spiked. First base umpire Angel Hernandez called Gardner out on a close play, and the Yankees didn't argue.

Giants, Phils gear up for another pitching duel

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Charlie Manuel has been through enough postseasons to recognize special pitching matchups this time of year.

Come Game 3, the Giants and Phillies will see a third such marquee encounter in as many games of their NL championship series: Cole Hamels vs. Matt Cain.

The teams traveled on redeye flights after the Phillies' 6-1 victory Sunday night at Citizens Bank Park, both landing in the Bay Area around 4 a.m. local time Monday. That makes for a quick turnaround heading into Tuesday afternoon's Game 3 at AT&T Park. The teams stand even at one game apiece in the best-of-seven series.

"When we go 1-1 right now and you're sitting there and you've got Cain and Hamels going tomorrow in a swing game, you won't see that three days in a row with six pitchers that start the game that good," said the 66-year-old Manuel, the Phillies' sixth-year manager. "It's rare and it's going to be a heck of a game. The Giants are here because of their pitching and I think we're here basically because of our pitching. Our offense kind of sputtered this year."

After getting some brief rest, the Phillies took to the field for their first workout out West, sporting red hooded sweatshirts on the cool fall day.

Hamels, the 2008 World Series MVP, follows Philadelphia's two star Roys—Halladay and Oswalt—in the rotation. Cain was pushed back to start the third game after Tim Lincecum and Jonathan Sanchez pitched the first two.

Cain will be working on 10 days' rest since he pitched Game 2 of the division series against Atlanta on Oct. 8, the longest layoff of the right-hander's career.

Hamels, who bounced back from a tough 2009 by going 12-11 with a 3.06 ERA this season, pitched a five-hit shutout against Cincinnati on Oct. 10 in his last outing.

"Postseason is where it's at. It's the ultimate time to really show what kind of player you are, what kind of pitcher you are," Hamels said. "These are the types of games and types of moments when you set foot in spring training it's the ultimate goal for the whole team to go out and enjoy."

The Giants managed only four hits in losing to Oswalt on Sunday. They know they will have to produce more to upset the two-time reigning NL champions.

"Tomorrow is absolutely important," right fielder Cody Ross said. "We're coming home. We like playing at home, Matt on the mound. We have all the confidence in the world in him."

Manager Bruce Bochy said he was considering starting former Phillies fan favorite Aaron Rowand in center field in place of the struggling Andres Torres, who is 1 for 9 in the series and 3 for 25 overall in these playoffs. Torres went 0 for 4 and struck out all four times on Sunday night.

Bochy planned to talk to both players after their workout.

"Andres, he's battling it right now," Bochy said. "It may be time for a change here."

Bochy was still waiting on results from an MRI exam on Juan Uribe's bruised left wrist, which made the infielder a late scratch Sunday. If Uribe can't play Tuesday, Pablo Sandoval would move into the lineup at third for his first NLCS start and Edgar Renteria would stay at shortstop.

San Francisco is now home for three games with its raucous, towel-waving sellout crowd ready to cheer the team's first NLCS since slugger and eventual home run king Barry Bonds carried the Giants to a runner-up World Series finish in 2002.

"You just feel comfortable pitching at home," Cain said. "Just try to relax and try to almost enjoy it and soak it all in, to try to take the nerves off a little bit."

Manuel sure hopes being home in Northern California will make banged-up Jimmy Rollins more at ease. Rollins, the Phillies' three-time Gold Glove shortstop from across the bay in Alameda, is 3 for 18 during this run—going 1 of 11 against the Reds in the division series and 2 for 7 with three strikeouts so far against the Giants.

"We need for him to play good," Manuel said. "I'm sure he's going to be wanting to play good."

Runs and hits again could be tough to come by.

Hamels has benefited this season from being around Halladay and Oswalt. Not only has his improved work ethic impressed Manuel, but Hamels also has gained strength on his 6-foot-3 frame, brought a cut fastball to his repertoire and added several miles per hour to his regular fastball velocity.

"He's wanted to put to rest that he was anything less than a superstar," Phillies closer Brad Lidge said. "And he is a superstar. He worked his butt off this winter to come out this year to prove it, and that's what he's done. If he had anything left that wasn't mature, it's gone now. He's doesn't act anything close to 26."

Hamels will have to try to shut down Ross, who has three home runs in the series and has been a nemesis to the Phillies dating to his days with Florida.

"Cody's about like anybody else," Manuel joked. "They walk in that ballpark and he wants to come up and talk to me or talk to guys around the cage. Actually he's looking at the fences and how far, how close they look. He's thinking to himself, 'Man, I hope I'm in the lineup today.' … He enjoys to play against us and that helps him to relax. And he gets up for us."

Titans beat Jaguars in battle of backup QBs

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Tennessee's Vince Young watched from the sideline. Jacksonville's David Garrard was in the locker room.

Both starting quarterbacks were knocked out of Monday night's game, turning things over to veteran Kerry Collins and recently signed Trent Edwards.

The backups performed as expected, with Collins leading the Titans to a 30-3 victory and Edwards looking mostly like a guy who joined the team three weeks ago.

"Kerry did a nice job and that's why Kerry's here," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "We're very, very fortunate that we have two very good quarterbacks."

Collins completed 11 of 16 passes for 110 yards and a touchdown, directed five consecutive scoring drives and put the Titans (4-2) atop the AFC South. Tennessee, which also got 111 yards rushing and a late score from Chris Johnson, moved into a three-way tie with Indianapolis and Houston.

The Jaguars (3-3), meanwhile, were left in a familiar position. They finished last in the division the last two years and are again in chase mode.

"Not the night we were looking for," Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio said. "We turned it over four times, lost our quarterback. ... Not the kind of night we wanted to have."

Young threw a 23-yard touchdown pass to Kenny Britt on the opening drive, then sprained his left knee on the next series.

"He's a little sore," Fisher said, adding that Young also sprained his left ankle. "He could have finished in shotgun."

Collins replaced him and threw a short TD to Bo Scaife, then led the Titans on time-consuming drives to keep control.

"That's part of the life of a backup in the NFL," Collins said.

At 37 years old, Collins has been a starter and a backup. He even replaced Young in the 2008 season opener in Jacksonville, then kept the starting job the rest of the year.

This time, though, he knows his role.

"I'm a short-term fill-in," he said.

Jacksonville was plagued by turnovers for the second straight week. The Jaguars were able to overcome three mistakes against winless Buffalo. No such luck against Tennessee, which has won six of the last eight in the series.

The Titans turned three short fields into 13 points, taking advantage of two interceptions and a short punt. Making matters worse for Jacksonville, tight end Marcedes Lewis fumbled at the Tennessee 10-yard line in the second quarter and receiver Tiquan Underwood let Vincent Fuller rip a pass out of his hands in the end zone in the fourth.

The Jaguars finished with four turnovers.

"We can't shoot ourselves in the foot like that," Lewis said. "It's not them beating us. It's us beating ourselves. It's self-inflicted. And playing from behind, that's not us."

Garrard, hit several times early, completed 7 of 12 passes for 49 yards, with an interception. He sustained a concussion in the second quarter after getting rocked by Will Witherspoon.

"Losing David definitely hurt," Underwood said. "That's our quarterback, our captain, our leader."

Edwards, the former Buffalo starter who was claimed off waivers three weeks ago, stepped in for his first action with the Jaguars. He was 11 of 20 for 115 yards, with two interceptions.

"We never got any offensive rhythm," Lewis said. "To have Dave go out like that, everybody felt they had to press."

Jacksonville finished with 249 yards, as Tennessee's defense stuffed Maurice Jones-Drew, blanketed Mike Sims-Walker and kept steady pressure on whoever lined up at quarterback.

The Titans moved the ball with relative ease all night. They finished with 324 yards, including a 35-yard touchdown run by Johnson on his final carry of the night.

Jones-Drew and Johnson set an NFL record the last time they shared a field. Jones-Drew ran for a career-high 177 yards and two touchdowns, Johnson finished with a career-high 228 yards and two scores. Together, they gave the league its first game with at least four TD runs of at least 50 yards.

Tennessee won that one 30-13 last November.

The rematch was nearly as lopsided.

Rob Bironas kicked three field goals, plenty for Tennessee's stifling defense.

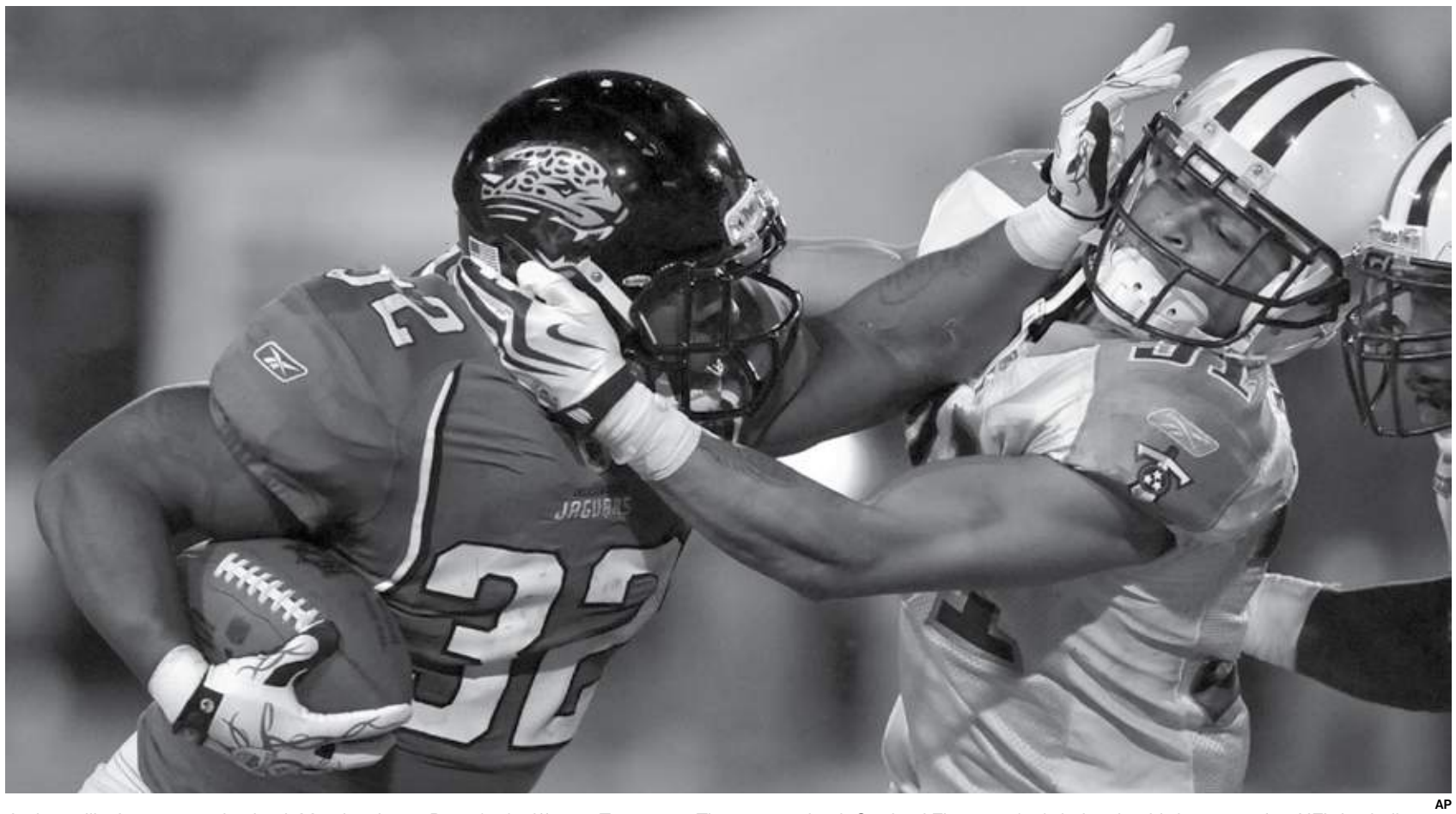
The Jaguars only got into Tennessee territory twice. The first one ended shortly before halftime when Lewis caught a short pass from Edwards, turned and let the ball slip out of his hands that the Titans recovered.

Down 20-0 early in the third quarter, Edwards hit Mike Thomas for 21 yards. Cortland Finnegan was called for defensive pass interference and Edwards again found Thomas on third-and-8 from the 18 to get down to the 7. But on third down, Jacob Ford sacked Edwards, and the Jaguars had to settle for a 33-yard field goal by Josh Scobee.

Jones-Drew managed only 57 yards on 17 carries.

All three of Jacksonville's losses have been one-sided affairs. The team has been outscored 96-19 against San Diego, Philadelphia and Tennessee.

"It's unacceptable to lose games in that way," safety Gerald Alexander said. "To have lopsided losses like that, it just shows inconsistency. It's demoralizing."



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Jacksonville Jaguars running back Maurice Jones-Drew (32) stiff-arms Tennessee Titans cornerback Cortland Finnegan (31) during the third quarter of an NFL football game Monday, Oct. 18, 2010, in Jacksonville, Fla. Tennessee won, 30-3.

NFL *may start suspending players for violent hits*

NEW YORK (AP)—Aiming for the head or leading with the helmet to deliver a blow could soon cost NFL players game time as well as money.

The league is considering suspending players for illegal hits in an effort to help prevent serious injuries, NFL executive vice president of football operations Ray Anderson told The Associated Press on Monday, one day after several scary collisions in games.

"There's strong testimonial for looking readily at evaluating discipline, especially in the areas of egregious and elevated dangerous hits," he said in a phone interview. "Going forward there are certain hits that occurred that will be more susceptible to suspension."

Anderson, a member of the league's competition committee and one of its loudest voices on the need for enhanced player safety, said the NFL could make the changes immediately, with Commissioner Roger Goodell's approval. League officials would consult with the players' union, but he didn't expect any opposition.

"Obviously suspensions would be a much bigger deal than fining guys," said Colts center Jeff Saturday, the team's player representative. "But if guys are headhunting out there to knock a guy out of the game, that's the only way to take care of it."

On Sunday, the Eagles' DeSean Jackson and the Falcons' Dunta Robinson were knocked out of their game after a frightening collision in which Robinson launched himself head first. Both sustained concussions.

Ravens tight end Todd Heap took a vicious hit from Patriots safety Brandon Meriweather that Heap called "one of those hits that shouldn't happen." The team was in contact with the league about the tackle.

"The thing we try to coach our players to do is basically hit in the strike zone," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "Try to make an effort to do that and keep your head out of it. It's not just the safety of your opponent, it's safety for yourself. When you throw your head in there like that you put yourself at risk. It's just not good football."

Steelers linebacker James Harrison sidelined two Browns players with head injuries after jarring hits. An NFL spokesman said one of the tackles, on Joshua Cribbs, was legal. The Browns were more upset about Harrison's hit on Mohamed Massaquoi, which the league is reviewing.

"The one against Mohamed was illegal," Browns tight end Benjamin Watson said. "I can't judge his character, I can judge his conduct. It was an illegal hit. He led with his head. He hit Mo right in the head. He dove at his head. Whether he meant to hurt him or not, I can't comment on that. It was illegal and the league should take care of him with the max, whatever it is."

Harrison defended those hits after the game.

"If I get fined for that, it's going to be a travesty," Harrison said. "They didn't call (a penalty) on that. There's no way I could be fined for that. It was a good, clean legit hit. ... I didn't hit that hard, to be honest with you. When you get a guy on the ground, it's a perfect tackle."

Anderson wouldn't speculate on how many players would be punished for hits from Sunday's games. Players also can be ejected from games for illegal hits, but that's rare.

It's also a part of the game the league has outlawed. As far back as 2007, NFL officials were told to eject players for such flagrant fouls. The NFL said Monday that 17 players have been ejected since 2007. The AP accounted for 14 of those ejections: nine for throwing a punch or fighting, two for contact with officials, two that fall into the category of helmet hits, and one for head-butting.

There have been occasional suspensions in recent years, including safety Roy Williams, then with Dallas, for one game in 2007 for three horse-collar tackles during that season. Tampa Bay cornerback Elbert Mack and New York Jets safety Eric Smith each drew one-game suspensions for "flagrant violations of player safety rules" by launching themselves into an opponent helmet first.

Last season, Carolina defensive back Dante Wesley drew one game for launching himself into a punt returner who had not caught the ball and was in a defenseless position.

Retired safety Rodney Harrison, now an analyst for NBC, was adamant about the need for stiff, swift punishment. He was fined more than $200,000 during his career and suspended for one game in 2002 for a helmet-to-helmet hit.

"You didn't get my attention when you fined me 5 grand, 10 grand, 15 grand," he said during the pregame broadcast for "Sunday Night Football." "You got my attention when I got suspended and I had to get away from my teammates and I disappointed my teammates from not being there. But you have to suspend these guys. These guys are making millions of dollars."

Tony Dungy, the former coach and Harrison's broadcast partner, echoed his sentiments - something that wasn't lost on Anderson.

"When someone as respected as Tony Dungy and a player respected for his play and known for his hitting prowess such as Rodney Harrison say that, in fact, fines do not have a deterrent effect and that suspensions might, it is sobering," he said.

Not only is the league concerned with defenders turning themselves into human missiles, but with aiming for the head with the forearm, shoulder or any other body part.

Mongami keeps streak in 8-ball tournament

John Mongami, seen here in a file photo, won first qualifier for USSP Club's Veteran's Day Customer Appreciation 8-Ball Tournament .

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John Mongami continued his hot streak Sunday, coming back from the losers bracket to win the first qualifier for USSP Club's Veteran's Day Customer Appreciation 8-Ball Tournament .

The win came a week after he took $100 and the first place trophy in the Columbus Day Customer Appreciation final.

The Sunday qualifying tournaments fill the 16-player bracket and set the seedings for the Nov. 11 tilt and its $100 first prize. The winner gets a trophy from Pacific Amusement and a guaranteed spot in the final.

Mongami sent Brenda Rideb and Vince Cabrera to the losers bracket before running into the always-dangerous Simeon Kapileo. Cabrera had defeated Annie Tesiro.

Ron Chisato got by Mei Rengiil, but Kapileo cruised by Norman Tenorio, Chisato, and Mongami on his way to the top of the winners bracket.

Tesiro eliminated Rideb, and Rengiil stormed past Tenorio and Cabrera. Chisato then took out Tesiro and Rengiil before falling to Mongami in the losers bracket final.

Mongami took the first game from Kapileo, setting up a deciding third match between the two. He won the game, the trophy and $20 when Kapileo missed his shape on a cut in the side pocket.

There is a $5 dollar entry fee for the Veteran's Day qualifying tournaments. Half of the pot will be added to the $100 first place and $50 second place prize money put up by USSP. The winner of the qualifier gets a trophy from Pacific amusement and the other half of the pot.

Sign-up begins at 7:30pm for the Sunday qualifiers.

Opponents are chosen by blind draw for the double elimination tournament. Play follows Billiard Congress of America rules.

For more information, call Rose or Ken Phillips at 233-1984. ***(PR)***

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solution to their foe's rally.

An MBA error near the net stopped the bleeding for SDA temporarily, but the Stormz regrouped quickly and logged five straight points to win the second set and equalize the game. MBA took the second set and forced a deciding third set after Tyler Palacios' kill hit the net.

Palacios redeemed himself in the third set, scoring four aces and lifting SDA to an early 5-0 lead.

However, SDA failed to keep its momentum, while MBA leaned on anew to its steady service game in the homestretch to escape with another come-from-behind win.

The third set was tied last at 10-all with MBA getting a point off an SDA service error. Philip Yoon was next at the serving area for the Stormz and made four aces in the ensuing plays with his last one wrapping up the match. Ahead by three, 14-11, Yoon released the ball and went up for a strong serve, which headed to SDA's midcourt. An SDA player leaned forward for a return, but the ball's spin was too tough for her as the leather bounced off to her arms before going out of the sideline.

In the first game, Whispering Palms also lost the opening set, 24-26, but the Terns got their acts together in the last two sets to nail 25-16 and 15-11 wins and dethrone GCA.

Incidentally, it was GCA that defeated Whisperings Palms and denied the latter a return trip to the finals last season when the former won their semifinals game. The Eagles won last year's championship against Mt. Carmel.

With the win, Whispering Palms will next face MBA in the semifinals. The other semis pairing will feature Saipan International School A and Saipan Community School. The Terns will take on the Storz in the second semis game tomorrow at 4:15pm, while the Geckos will duel the Tsunamis in the first semis match at 3pm. Winners of the two games tomorrow will battle for the junior varsity championship on Friday.

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Bartolo for a 14-4 advantage at the break.

With Kagman still scoreless in the third canto, Southern stretched its lead to 14, 18-4, entering the final period.

Kagman then played its best offensive game in the fourth quarter, hitting 10 points. However, Southern kept the lead and the win after getting three more points from Lizama.

In the varsity game, Roxanne Duenas exploded for 43 points to lift Southern to a come-from-behind win.

Southern trailed in the first half, 29-35, but began its recovery in the third period behind Duenas' hot hands. Duenas drilled 10 points in the third quarter where the Lady Rays outgunned the Lady Ayuyus, 16-9, for a 45-44 lead.

Duenas continued to sizzle in the fourth quarter, adding 14 more points to keep the Lady Rays in the driver's seat. Duenas logged Southern's first eight points in the fourth canto and also the Lady Rays' last six markers. The Southern gunner won her shootout against Kagman's Mercedes Mesa, who finished with 24 points.

Mesa knocked in 11 of her total points in the opening period to give Kagman a 16-13 lead. Then in the second quarter, Mesa got help from her teammates to protect their lead before Duenas' guns went blazing in the second half to complete a Southern sweep.

First Game

SSHS 23 – Muna 9, Lizama 7, V. Bartolo 5, C. Bartolo 2.

KHS 14 – Ada 6, Rasa 4, Halstead 2, San Nicolas 2.

Scoring by quarters: 7-4, 14-4, 18-4, 23-14.

Second Game

SSHS 62 – Duenas 43, Joseph 8, Quina 7, Palacios 2, Chantel 2.

KHS 54 – Mesa 24, Faisao 10, Jetley 10, Mizutani 3, Muna 3, Cruz 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-16, 29-35, 45-44, 62-54.

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Then in the second quarter, the Sparks' defense slowed down the Rollers A, enabling the former to go ahead by 16 points, 49-33. The Rollers A scored only 10 points in the second canto with Aulerio hitting nine of them.

In the third period, both teams basically traded baskets, keeping the Sparks' double-digit lead, 63-49. Hossain added six markers in the third period, while Aulerio made seven for the Rollers A.

The Sparks held a comfortable lead at the start of the final period and felt it was safe to relax and leave their bench players on the floor. In contrast, Rollers A played their starters all throughout the fourth quarter to launch a big comeback.

The Sparks starting five did not return to the court until the Rollers A turned the game into a one-point match, 62-63.

In the ensuing plays, Rollers A was forced to live or die by three-pointers to get back in the game and Aulerio came up huge with four triples and a free throw. His teammate Jason Palacios also nailed a couple from downtown and the game ended up in a tie at 71-all with less than 40 seconds left in the match. In the final seconds, Aulerio had a chance to knot the game again, but failed to convert both charities, while the Sparks' Hossain hit a big shot soon after to seal the close win.

At the midpoint of the season, both the Sparks and the Sonics are undefeated after four games and share the top spot in the team standings. The CK Saints have played only one game, won it, and are thus seated in second place. Rollers A, with four wins and a pair of losses, and Hi-5, with two wins and a loss, are in third and fourth places, respectively. The Ol'Aces are positioned in fifth with an even record of two wins and two losses. Then come the G-Stars in six place with a win and two tough losses. In the 10-team field, Rollers B (1-4), Rollers C (1-5) and Agape (0-4) are trying to emerge from the back of the pack.

Sparks 75 – Faisao 21, Hossain 21, E. Manglona 8, F. Mettao 8, J. Norita 6, M. Manglona 5, Romelo 4, Brandon, 2.

Rollers A 74 – Aulerio 37, Palacios 10, Danas 7, Torres 7, Reyes 4, Deleon Guerrero 4, Metran 3, Norita 2.

Scoring by quarters: 26-23, 49-33, 63-49, 75-74.

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have their sixth graders swim in either elementary or junior high, but the entire grade must be in the same category.

Each swimmer can only join two individual events and one relay. Only the Top 2 swimmers per school will be awarded points in the individual events and the top team per school for a relay.

Ribbons will be awarded to the top finishers in each event per age group, while trophies await champion schools in the various divisions.

Participating schools should designate one coach and two adults to volunteer as timers. The events listing will be available by Oct. 22 and interested schools have until Oct. 29 to submit their entries.

Races in the Nov. 6 event will run from 7am to 12pm.

The All Schools swimming tournament will return next month after SSC failed to hold the event last year.

Favored to win the various events in the Nov. 6 meet are Whispering Palms, Saipan International School, and Saipan Community School, which had dominated the All Schools tournament in the past years. The three schools also have swimmers training under SSC and Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan.

For more information, contact Lisa Kimball at coach@saipanswimclub.com.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	5	1	0	.833	159	101
New England	4	1	0	.800	154	116
Miami	3	2	0	.600	89	112
Buffalo	0	5	0	.000	87	161
South						
Houston	4	2	0	.667	153	167
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.667	163	125
Tennessee	4	2	0	.667	162	98
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	110	167
North						
Pittsburgh	4	1	0	.800	114	60
Baltimore	4	2	0	.667	112	95
Cincinnati	2	3	0	.400	100	102
Cleveland	1	5	0	.167	88	125
West						
Kansas City	3	2	0	.600	108	92
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	120	151
Denver	2	4	0	.333	124	140
San Diego	2	4	0	.333	157	126

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	4	2	0	.667	134	118
Philadelphia	4	2	0	.667	153	120
Washington	3	3	0	.500	113	119
Dallas	1	4	0	.200	102	111
South						
Atlanta	4	2	0	.667	130	101
New Orleans	4	2	0	.667	130	108
Tampa Bay	3	2	0	.600	80	111
Carolina	0	5	0	.000	52	110
North						
Chicago	4	2	0	.667	112	97
Green Bay	3	3	0	.500	139	112
Minnesota	2	3	0	.400	87	88
Detroit	1	5	0	.167	146	140
West						
Arizona	3	2	0	.600	88	138
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	98	97
St. Louis	3	3	0	.500	103	113
San Francisco	1	5	0	.167	93	139

Monday's Game

Tennessee 30, Jacksonville 3

Sunday's Games

Seattle 23, Chicago 20
Miami 23, Green Bay 20, OT
Houston 35, Kansas City 31
Pittsburgh 28, Cleveland 10
St. Louis 20, San Diego 17
N.Y. Giants 28, Detroit 20
New England 23, Baltimore 20, OT
Philadelphia 31, Atlanta 17
New Orleans 31, Tampa Bay 6
N.Y. Jets 24, Denver 20
San Francisco 17, Oakland 9
Minnesota 24, Dallas 21
Indianapolis 27, Washington 24

By The Associated Press

50K Pre-Hell of Marianas Winners

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Maricel Mahilum shows her third place prize during the awards ceremony for the mountain bike division of the 50K Pre-Hell of Marianas last Sunday at the Pacific

Mountain bike top female finisher Mamiko Oshima-Berger.

Mountain bike runner-up female finisher Jackie Van Dam.

Mountain bike second male finisher Noel Altamirano.

Road bike third finisher Kanae Quinn.

Kimiko Hasegawa is all smiles after receiving her road bike runner-up prize from PIC's Dennis Tababa.

Road bike top female finisher Mieko Carey.

Road bike third placer Butch Sublemente.

Road bike runner-up Lewie Tenorio.

Mountain bike top finisher Nap Dizon.

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Whispering Palms, MBA enter semis

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Whispering Palms and Marianas Baptist Academy pulled off come-from-behind wins over separates foes to complete the semis cast in the junior varsity division of the 2010-2011 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League.

Whispering Palms was paired against the defending champion Grace Christian Academy in the first playoff game yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium and the former won in three sets.

In the second game, MBA dueled Seventh Day Adventist and the Stormz also needed three sets to eke out a victory.

MBA dropped the closely fought first set, 23-25, before sweeping the last two in comeback fashions, 25-15, 15-11.

After winning the opening set, SDA seemed headed for a sweep when it controlled the first part of the opening set. SDA led by as much as six, 14-8, before MBA worked its way back into the game behind the serves of Won Woo Choi.

With Choi serving, the MBA Stormz scored seven straight points to grab the lead, which increased further, 20-14, as SDA could not find a

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Marianas Baptist Academy's Won Woo Choi serves to Seventh Day Adventist during their playoff game in the junior varsity division of the COPSSA volleyball league yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Sparks fend off Rollers A rally

WALTER SUTHERLAND
Sparks forward Sahj Hossain drives to the basket during their game against Rollers A in the U19 division of the Rotary caging last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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The Sparks fended off a fourth quarter push from the Rollers A and held on to a close 75-74 victory in the 2010 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

With the victory, the Sparks remained unbeaten in four games to grab a share of the lead in the U19 division.

Ichitaro Faisao and Sahj Hossain led the Sparks' fourth straight win, firing 21 points apiece. Brandon Aulerio led all scorers with his 37 points, but went 1-for-2 from the foul line in the homestretch, allowing the Sparks to preserve the win behind Hossain's last basket of the game.

Fasiao and Hossain scored 11 and nine points, respectively in the opening period to help the Sparks earn an early lead, 26-23. Aulerio had 10 markers for the Rollers A to keep his team afloat.

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Southern sweeps Kagman in MISO caging

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Saipan Southern High School and Kagman High School players battle for the loose ball during their junior varsity game in the MISO caging last Monday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

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Saipan Southern High School went 2-0 in Monday's games in the 2010-2011 MISO Girls Basketball League after beating Kagman High School both in the varsity and junior varsity divisions at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

In the junior varsity division, the Lady Rays nailed a nine-point win, 23-14, while in the varsity division, Southern pulled off a 62-54 victory.

The Lady Rays showed more offensive firepower in the junior varsity game, while Kagman seemed just starting to learn how to get its way into the basket.

After the first period, Southern went ahead by three, 7-4. Czanae Lizama made the Lady Rays' first two baskets, while Stevelyn Muna contributed three points off a triple. Lara San Nicolas and Ana Ada combined for the only two field goals for Kagman.

The second and third quarter became a struggle—offensively—for Kagman, as it failed to make a single basket in the next two periods.

Southern drew back-to-back triples from Muna to start the second quarter and then got a free throw from Vanessa

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All Schools swim meet set for Nov. 6

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Saipan Swim Club will be holding the 17th Annual All Schools Swimming Championships on Nov. 6 at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

The one-day tournament is open to both private and public schools and will have competitions in the elementary, junior high, and high school divisions. Participants should be able to swim at least 50 meters, as events will start from 50m to 400m and will cover all four strokes of swimming.

In the elementary division, there will be two age groups—the boys and girls 9-and-under and 10-and-above. The high school division will also have separate competitions for boys and girls, while junior high school will be allowed to

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Saipan International School's Bryce Daly, seen here in a local meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi, is expected to lead the Geckos in next month's All Schools meet.